

Rock Port wind power celebration announced

Rock Port is the first on 100 percent wind powered community in the United States. Green Switch celebration will be 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. April 18 at the Memorial Building in Rock Port.

Teaching applications due

Fall 2008 student teaching applications are due in the Teacher Education Student Services office tomorrow.

Nodaway County Democratic Convention

Those interested in becoming a Democratic delegate should attend the Nodaway County Democratic Convention at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 28 at the Nodaway County Courthouse.

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NORTHWEST FOUNDATION

'Village' idea wins support

By Lindsay Jacobs
University News Editor

(This is the second of a three part series on the proposed "Village at Northwest" concept.)

Marketing research will soon begin to determine if there is interest in developing the "Village at Northwest."

If the Northwest Foundation decides to build the urban-style village, there would be a mixture of stores, restaurants, single-family homes, town houses and loft-style condominiums.

The proposed location is on the 66 acres the Northwest Foundation owns on the west side of Icon Road.

In the next 30 to 90 days, a marketing research study will begin to see if alumni and surrounding communities have interest in the "Village at Northwest," Vice President for Institutional Advancement Orrie Covert said.

Alumni have called with feedback since the January Board of Regents meeting where the proposal was presented.

"Since the Board of Regents meeting, we've had a number (of alumni) contact us with some positive remarks as well as ... expressing interest in what they would need to do in order to get their name in to move in to it (the 'Village at Northwest,')" Covert said.

Hendrix College in Conway, Ark. has begun construction on a similar project to the one proposed for Northwest.

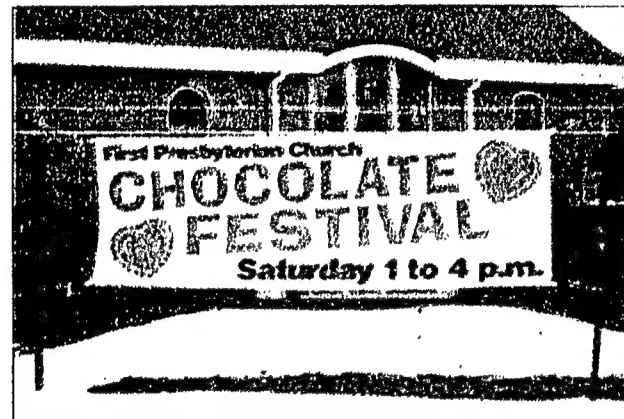
The "Village at Hendrix" is in the final stages of pre-development, Vice President and General Counsel of Hendrix College Scott Schallhorn said. They are finishing planning for infrastructure, he said.

It is being built on land the college owns across the street from the main campus, Schallhorn said.

The project is being developed by a separate for-profit entity the college formed called The Village at

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ONE SWEET CELEBRATION



photos by Jared Clarke | chief photographer

(above) THE 3RD ANNUAL First Presbyterian Chocolate Festival offered a wide variety of chocolate treats for sale. Among the favorites were the chocolate covered cherries. All 52 dozen chocolate covered cherries were sold in 15 minutes. (below) MARYVILLE RESIDENTS ATTENDING the chocolate festival enjoyed complementary desserts, including a chocolate fondue fountain. Donations were collected to benefit the church.

COMMUNITY PROFILE

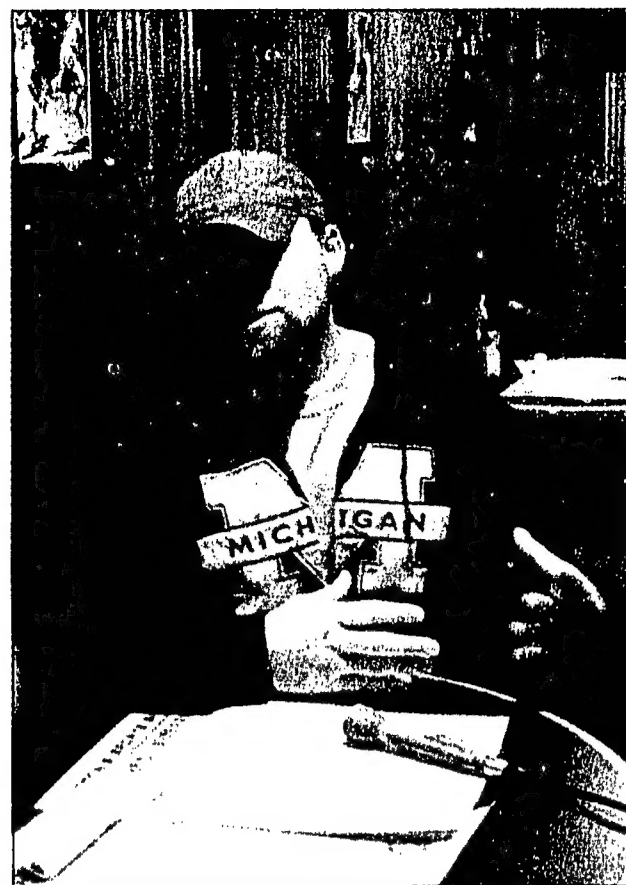


photo by Jared Clarke | chief photographer

CO-OWNER AND FACE of Carson's Sports Grill, Carson Riedel, said that Carson's wants to provide a different for of entertainment to the Maryville community.

Carson's owner knows service, working since '15

By Micheal Clements
Chief Reporter

Wearing a dirty Bud Light hat with a relaxed personality, Carson's Sports Grill co-owner Carson Riedel has been in the restaurant business since he was flipping pizzas at age 15.

Riedel, a former Little Caesar's district manager, graduated from the University of Colorado with a degree in communications.

While not working in the career field he studied in college, Riedel says communication is an important part of business.

"The hardest thing about everything is communicating, and that is what made me passionate about it and made me understand it," Riedel said.

While often passing through Maryville and stopping to eat when visiting his wife's family in southern Iowa, Riedel felt there was a lack of a restaurant in the sports niche.

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Festival serves community's sweet tooth

By Dominic Genetti
Community News Editor

A strong smell from the basement filled Maryville's First Presbyterian Church last Saturday, but it wasn't stinky, foul or disgusting.

It was the sweet smell of chocolate.

The third annual Chocolate Festival took place Feb. 9 and many local citizens turned out for the event. Some even formed a line out the door before 1 p.m., the scheduled start time for the event to begin.

"This is the only fundraiser we do during the year and the Presbyterian women sponsor it," event coordinator Linda Hanson said. "It's all volunteer, nobody gets paid, (the money) all goes in to the women's treasury and then we try to help fund any project that we have going on."

Most of the money for the event goes to assist Shepard's Kitchen, a weekly dinner held every Thursday

for the needy and members of the community.

"It's about 25 to 35 people, which is a nice size," Hanson said.

The idea for the Chocolate Festival came after Hanson attended a similar event in Iowa.

"We decided February was perfect for us, because we're through with Christmas and Valentine's Day comes in," she said.

Over 40 different items were on sale at the festival, where only one rule for baking the treats was in place.

"Everything has to have chocolate in it of some sort," Hanson said.

Out of the many volunteers, Karla Rusco's contribution was noticeable with the many different items she put up for sale in her favorite event of the year.

"It's a little different than anything that's going on in the community and it's something fun to do, and who doesn't want chocolate," Rusco said.

To make sure customers get

variety, Rusco likes to try something new every year.

"I research things up 'til the last minute," she said.

Last year the Chocolate Festival raised over \$2,100 mostly from hand-dipped chocolate covered cherry sales.

Ten dozen cherries sold quickly in the event's first year and after doubling the quantity last year, members found the cherries gone in six minutes, Hanson said.

This year, 52 dozen chocolate covered cherries were sold in nearly 12 minutes.

"That's our hot item," Hanson said.

Within an hour of opening, tables were nearly bare in the saleroom thanks to the desire of local chocolate lovers.

Late arrivals and visitors to the event did manage free samplings.

"Everyone in the tasting room has really enjoyed the chocolate tea and the chocolate coffee," Hanson said. "I think people just love it."



EPISODIC PLAY

'Monologues' aims to end abuse against females

By Lisa Houtchens
Chief Reporter

The performance intends to make a difference in both the lives of women and men, around the nation.

"The Vagina Monologues," written by Eve Ensler, a feminist playwright, is a campaign to end violence and abuse against both women and young girls. It is a collection of thousands of women's stories.

"It's different ages, ethnicities and sexual preferences sharing their experiences about being a woman," "The Vagina Monologues" director Amanda Nelson said.

This performance has been on cam-

pus for five years and is celebrating its ten year anniversary, Nelson said.

"The Vagina Monologues" is an important performance for both women and men to see, because it shows the abuse and violence that women experience.

"It's very important to bring it up and make the awareness know for everybody," "The Vagina Monologues" co-director Natalie Waterman said. "To let people

know there are people out there that have experienced it before and it's not horrible to talk about it."

"I saw what it was about and it struck me. You can come together and stand up and be strong together."

Tara Estell,
Fourth year performer

"I saw what it was all about and it struck me," Estell said. "You can come together and stand up and be strong together."

The issue of violence against

women is an issue that is not talked about.

There are people around campus, or family members that may be experiencing or have experienced sexual abuse but don't say anything, Nelson said.

"I think it's an issue that is entirely swept under the rug," Nelson said. "And I think women are too afraid to report it. Because they may see it as their fault or something bad will happen if they do."

"The Vagina Monologues" is not about putting the male gender down, but rather getting the word out to them

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Former faculty to deliver lecture

Roy Schwartzman, a former Northwest faculty member, will give a lecture on the challenges of nanotechnology.

Nanoparticles, particles with a smaller dimension of 100 billionths of a meter, are used in many medical, cosmetic and household products.

The lecture will be 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 21, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Meeting Room A.

The event is sponsored by the Northwest Chapter of Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA).

For more information, contact Communication, Theatre and Languages Department Assistant Professor John Fisher at 562-1827 or e-mail jfisher@nwmissouri.edu.

Center to hold weekly meetings

The Counseling Center staff is holding weekly group meetings that focus on development and personal growth for students.

They began Monday, Feb. 18 at the Northwest Wellness Center.

Topics for the group may include such things as personal growth, emotional wellness, reaching goals and respectful communication.

For more information, contact the Counseling Center at 562-1220.

Mock Interview Day approaching

The deadline to sign up for Mock Interview Day is 5 p.m. tomorrow.

Mock Interview Day will be held Wednesday, Feb. 20.

For instructions, go to nwmissouri.edu/careers/forms.htm or hard copies can be picked up.

A list of employers participating can be found at nwmissouri.edu/careers/events/spring-mid2008.htm.

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FACULTY PROFILE

Faculty member honored
Jelavich wins St. Louis Post-Dispatch's 2007 Economics Challenge

By Shane Sherwood
Senior reporter

Trains are what started a career in economics for one Northwest professor.

Mark Jelavich, professor of accounting, economics and finance, started his career in economics because of his fascination in trains. Recently, he won the "St. Louis Post-Dispatch" 2007 Economics Challenge.

Jelavich was born in California, but raised in Indiana. His favorite memories as a child are riding trains.

"When I was in grammar school, we would take train trips from Oakland, Calif., to Stockton or Sacramento on the Santa Fe," Jelavich said.

Jelavich worked for a management-consulting group in Washington, which did a lot of forecasting in the transportation and energy areas when he was finishing his dissertation.

"This was when I became interested in the business side of railroads, and that pushed me into economics," Jelavich said.

In 1972, Jelavich graduated from Bowdoin College in Maine with a Bachelor of Arts in economics. He followed that up with Masters in economics from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

"I really enjoyed graduate school, in part because the Hopkins program did not have many graduate students," Jelavich said. "This means we, as a group of graduate students, interacted a lot."

Jelavich moved to Missouri with his wife, Janet, who teaches at Maryville High School. They have two children, a daughter who works

in Kansas City, Mo., and a son who currently attends the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

In the past, Jelavich and his wife got involved in Community Theater in St. Joseph.

"We occasionally worked at the Rubidoux Residential Theater," Jelavich said. "Janet liked acting, while I was more of a backstage person working on sets."

Jelavich's most prized collection is his model trains.

"I became to love trains when I went on train trips and riding trains," Jelavich said. "My favorite train memories are when I took the California Zephyr from Oakland to Chicago."

Jelavich said his favorite part of his model train collection is his Lionel trains from the 1950s.

Jelavich's colleagues think Jelavich has a dry sense of humor, Dean of Booth College of Business and Professional Studies Tom Billesbach said.

"I have known Mark for over 10 years," Billesbach said. "I got to know him while traveling in Europe on University business many years ago."

Billesbach also said Jelavich is brilliant.

"He is a fountain of knowledge," Billesbach said. "While in Europe, he amazed me with his knowledge of European history and his language skills in different countries."

While in Europe, Jelavich helped navigate the streets of various cities,



ECONOMICS PROFESSOR, MARK JELAVICH, speaks of how he came into teaching Economics. Jelavich recently won the St. Louis Post Dispatch 2007 Economics Challenge.

Billesbach said. "He lived in Europe at one time, so he knows a lot about that area of the world," Billesbach said. "Hence, that is why he is so good at teaching International Business."

The "St. Louis Post-Dispatch" recently named Jelavich the winner of their 2007 Economic Challenge, where he predicted unemployment rates and the Dow Jones Industrial average at the end of 2007.

For winning the competition, Jelavich will receive a "Post-Dispatch" coffee mug, T-shirt and tote bag.

"I predicted an unemployment rate of 5.1 percent, which at the end of 2007, it was five percent," Jelavich said. "I also predicted that the Dow Jones Industrial average at the end of 2007 would be 12,500. The exact amount was 13,265."

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Cease takes advantage of 'opened doors'

By Lisa Houtchens
Chief Reporter

Northwest "opened the door" for comedian Kyle Cease.

The performance by Cease was off topic, jumping from humor to what some may see as insults.

Student Activities Council

decided to invite Cease to campus, after a few of the members saw him perform, SAC President Kelli Farris said.

One of the reasons that SAC thought he would be a good addition to the agenda was because he was a younger comedian, Farris said.

"He's young and can relate to the students," Farris said. "He's very sarcastic, but an ironic kind of comedian."

His unusual performance style makes for a good humor performance, SAC Entertainment Chair Coriann Sperling said.

"He will go off in so many different directions," Sperling said. "But it's pretty funny."

However comedian Kyle Cease's performance at northwest

was an uncensored one.

"This is the first college that didn't censor the performance or give a list of rules about what he could or could not say, Cease said.

"This is exciting for me," Cease said.

Cease took advantage of the lenient opportunity.

Cease's show was full of sexual remarks and derogatory jokes, but audience members seemed to enjoy his comedic style.

The reason Cease became a comedian is because he gets to see people laugh, he said.

"It puts you in a high, or in the moment," Cease said. "Humans are always trying to get in the moment, to forget about what is going on around them."

ENCORE PERFORMANCE



DURING THE RING of Fire performance Monday night at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center, Steve Benoit performed "Straight A's in Love."

MISSOURI ACADEMY

Academy students without landline phone system

By Micheal Clements
Chief Reporter

Campus ends pilot program of Internet phones in Frank and the Missouri Academy Resident Halls.

The Voice over Internet Protocol pilot program ends for the comfort of students and because the parent company, Carrier Access, was bought-out by Turin Networks, who will no longer fund the program.

The VoIP phones were distributed to residents in Frank hall and the Missouri Academy at the beginning of the fall trimester.

Roughly 90 percent of students said they were more comfortable with a landline phone in their rooms, Northwest telecommunications technician supervisor Steve Chor said.

"Over time, we had some indications that students might prefer landlines over that," Chor said.

"The plain old telephone has been reliable for several years."

Landline phones replaced Frank residents VoIP phones, Residents of the Missouri Academy, who don't have cell phones, will be provided with one from the University for the rest of the trimester, Information Systems Vice President Jon Rickman said.

"They disabled the telephone cabling and we haven't had a chance to put it back in," Rickman said. "To fill in the few students who don't have a cell phone, temporarily, we are renting a cell phone for those students, until we can get landlines in there this summer."

The VoIP system allowed students to use their notebook computer for voice calls, including free international calling. The University plans on discontinuing the service by the end of this week, Chor said.

The technology may not be ready for the consumer demands, Residential Life Director Matt Baker said.

"A lot of the feedback we got from the students who used it was choppy, there was a long gap or pauses between sentences and it was just hard to use," Baker said.

Outages of the VoIP were frequent.

Problems also occurred with emergency calls to or from Campus Safety. When a student's computer is shutdown or not logged on to the phone service, the student cannot receive phone calls, Baker said.

"If you take your computer home and logged into it at your house... you can still make a phone call but it might not go to the right 911 system," Baker said.

The old phone numbers from Frank were used for Hudson and Perrin, Baker said.

"We had to go back to Embark and buy new phone numbers to put back in Frank," Baker said.

Franken residents received their new phone numbers earlier this week.

"It had a lot of potential for saving money if we could have completed the engineering changes the study found appropriate," Rickman said. "It was a good experience for students... to learn that products just don't come off the assembly line ready to go."

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WINTER WEATHER

Repairs continue without improvements



SINCE THE DECEMBER ice storm, road crews continue filling potholes with temporary asphalt patches around Maryville. However, once the patches thaw, the potholes re-emerge.

By Kenny Larabee
Chief Reporter

Northwest student Missy Stroud can hardly remember such a snowy winter.

"I've been up here for three years and I didn't remember the snow like this in the past," Stroud said. "It seems like it snows every Tuesday."

Maryville resident Dianne Owens' response to the question, "Are you ready for spring?" was emphatic.

"Yes, beyond ready," Owens said.

Stroud and Owens are just two of the thousands of Maryville citizens affected by old man winter. Since December, 25.2 inches of snow have dropped on Maryville, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Weather Service Web site. The average amount for that same time frame (including a full month for February) from 1971 to 2000 was 11.6 inches.

Temperatures have also been below average. The snow, ice and varying temperatures have wreaked havoc on city roads, creating problem after problem for city crews trying to make city streets passable.

"This weather, freezing, thawing, where it goes from one extreme to the other just takes a toll on your roads," Maryville Street Superintendent Jay Cack said. "Trying to keep up with them is about nearly impossible."

A major issue stemming from the adverse weather is the onset of potholes. Filling them has been a never-ending chore, Maryville Public Works Director Greg Decker said.

"The potholes have been tough," Decker said. "The asphalt patch that we put in right now is manufactured as a temporary patch. So we put that in the pothole, as long as it stays frozen, it will stay in there and stay pretty solid, but as soon as the thawing of the snow and ice on the streets occurs, it creates mud puddles or water and the water gets in and starts breaking the temporary patch back out and it comes right back out."

Another problem the city is facing is a lack of salt to help with the clearing of ice and improving of traction on roads, Decker said.

"We actually are out of salt right now, as of this morning (Monday). We have no ice-melt salt available," Decker said. "We're going to do whatever we can to at least get 20 or 30 tons in here so that if we do get an icy situation, we can take care of the streets. We hope to be able to do that within the next 24 hours."

With many smaller communities facing similar weather, salt has been hard to come by.

"The salt suppliers have pretty well cut off the small, independent folks," Decker said.

As of press time, the city had not yet acquired any salt, but Decker the city was in contact with suppliers and was confident they would have some soon.

Decker also said that although only \$25,000 was earmarked for addressing adverse winter weather, the city will continue to spend the necessary funds to clean city streets. Some things may have to be sacrificed down the road, however.

"It's going to limit us to what we can do this summer," Decker said. "There may be some things that we were planning on doing, some pretty major maintenance issues that we won't have the funds to do."

Despite the taxing winter, Decker said the city is equipped to deal with any more winter weather that might come Maryville's way.

"We have a great group of guys, who if they have to go out all night, they'll go out all night," Decker said.

Decker also joked that he hopes this winter isn't a sign of things to come.

"I've had folks tell me that this is a normal winter, we've just been getting by with murder the last few winters," Decker said. "But I sure hope this isn't a trend. We'll have to start looking at how to do things in the future if we're going to start getting 25 inches of snow every winter."

TRIAL

Mandarin murder case moves to circuit court

By Dominic Genetti, Lindsay Jacobs
Community, University News Editors

The case in the shooting death of a Maryville man is moving forward.

Murder suspect Jorge Saavedra Perez appeared in Nodaway County court for his preliminary hearing Tuesday, Feb. 19. CERT training is used to teach citizens what to do if a major disaster happens.

"It allows citizens to take care of themselves until law enforcement, fire fighters and EMTs can get to the scene," said County CERT coordinator April Haberyan.

Haberyan's goal is to become a CERT trainer. She teaches a class on disaster psychology at Northwest and, along with Gossens, Associate Professor Mark Corson,

helped develop the new minor in comprehensive crisis response that is now being offered.

One issue in a disaster is the limited number of professional disaster workers and their inability to help everyone immediately when disaster strikes.

"CERT is based on the premise that if you have a big emergency, professional response will be stretched too thin," said Jerry Wilmes, campus emergency coordinator.

CERT is a nationwide program that has been around for about 20 years, but has received renewed attention with recent disasters, such as Hurricane Katrina.

"The federal government

encourages citizens to be prepared to take care of ourselves," said Haberyan.

The CERT course will cover a variety of topics for disaster preparedness.

"We will cover things such as small fire suppression, basic first aid, psychological first aid and light search and rescue," said Haberyan.

"Participants will also be taught how to set up ER kits."

Right now, most of the people signed up for the training are community members, but students that are over 18 are encouraged to sign up as well. Classes are free. There will be another round of classes scheduled for summer or fall.

Lares' testimony lasted the longest during the hour and a half hearing. He testified Zamudio-Hernandez began arguing with Perez after cleaning a knife and cutting board.

Testifying that Zamudio-Hernandez punched Perez in the stomach, Lares said, Perez later shot Zamudio-Hernandez.

"He put his hand on his chest, took a few steps back and fell," Lares said.

Maryville Public Safety Officer Rex Riley arrived on the scene at approximately 6:30 p.m., according to testimony.

Riley testified he found a Hispanic male lying on the Mandarin kitchen floor without a pulse or chest movement to signal signs of breathing.

"I did locate a small hole in the armpit area," Riley said which was consistent with a gunshot wound.

At the end of the hearing, Perez's attorney Larry Kinnaman moved the case be dismissed given the evidence in the hearing. Dietrich overruled the motion.

Perez is being held at the Nodaway County Jail.

CERT

Community emergency response training offered

By Erin Loges
Missourian Reporter

Nodaway County is offering Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training beginning Tuesday, Feb. 19. CERT training is used to teach citizens what to do if a major disaster happens.

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CITY BRIEFS

City meets with state over DREAM initiative

The city of Maryville met with state officials two weeks ago and again Tuesday to discuss the DREAM City initiative. They discussed the contract of services included in the initiative.

Some of the services included consumer surveys, retail and housing market analyses, financial assistance and building design guidelines.

Also included was a marketing plan and a communication plan.

The city is still working to finalize the contract and plans on finishing it by the end of the month. The contract is based on a three-year plan.

The city is required to pickup 20 percent of the cost, which is near \$50,000, Maryville City Manager Matt LeClerc said.

City annexes county ambulance district

A public hearing was held Monday night in regards to a proposed annexation of the Nodaway County Ambulance District.

If approved, the Nodaway County Ambulance District at 103 Carfree Drive will be annexed into the city of Maryville. The Ambulance District has chosen to voluntarily annex.

The general public has 14 days after the public hearing to file a written objection to the proposed objection.

Congressional contest seeking student art

U.S. Congressman Sam Graves, Missouri's Sixth District Representative, has announced he is seeking submissions for "An Artistic Discovery," an annual congressional high school art competition.

Any student at a public or private high school can submit their work of art. Artwork must be two-dimensional (no sculptures) and can be of any medium.

Pieces should be no larger than 30 inches by 30 inches to the outside of the frame and must be ready to hang. The deadline is April 30.

A winning student will be announced for each of the nation's congressional districts. Each winner will receive three round-trip tickets to Washington D.C. and a \$5,000 scholarship to the Savannah College of Art and Design.

For more information, contact Shawna Scarcey at (816) 792-3976 or at Shawna.Scarcey@mail.house.gov.

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MONOLOGUES: Show benefits needy

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that they can stop this. It is important for the men to hear the performance is not trying to say men are bad, because you are a man, Nelson said.

"One piece almost celebrates a man," Nelson said. "It says thank you for letting me accept who I am as a woman."

Both the campus and the community can benefit from this. Not only will the performance show what women go through, it will also provide guidance to help stop violence.

"The awareness, if someone has experienced it they can do something about it," Waterman said. "We have numbers, even on campus that people can call."

"The Vagina Monologues" was created to raise awareness for

both women and men. Sometimes it is hard for people, especially men, to accept the reason for the performance, Waterman said.

"If you come into it open and ready to learn and not come into it with a negative connotation put on it already, then I think you will accept it a lot more," Nelson said.

This year, "The Vagina Monologues" has sold well over 150 tickets. Having the performance at the Wesley Center makes the attendees feel more like they are in a community and feel more intimate. The size of the stage will add to the show, because the audience and the performers are so close, Waterman said.

V-day is a movement that includes the performance of "The Vagina Monologues" and setting up shelters in Africa. They are

an organization also founded by Lindey, that raises awareness about violence against women, Nelson said.

The proceeds from the ticket sales will go to the Women's and Children's Center in Maryville. Along with the sale of tickets, cast members' breast molds are being auctioned off in a silent auction. The proceeds from the breast molds will go to the Breast Cancer foundation, Waterman said. T-shirts will also be sold. The money from the T-shirt sales will go to the Women's and Children's Center.

"The Vagina Monologues" will be performed at 7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 15 and Saturday, Feb. 16. Sunday's performance will be a 2 p.m. matinee. All performances will be held at the Wesley Center. Tickets are six dollars in advance and eight dollars at the door.

VILLAGE: Foundation researches interest

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Hendrix, LLC, Schallhorn said. He is the manager of the company.

The idea to build the "Village at Hendrix" came from a planning meeting for the campus that was held as far back as the mid-'90s, Schallhorn said. The campus's master planner is an architectural firm. One of the ideas the firm had was to use to land the college owned to develop into a new urban area, Schallhorn said.

Planning started moving ahead in 2006, Schallhorn said.

"I think the reaction has been good, in that from a student perspective, in that we think it will

add a different type of environment that our students may not have been able to see currently in Conway," Schallhorn said. "We're hopeful it will add different types of living options. The college will own some apartments there that will be used for student housing."

There will also be restaurant and retail components in the "Village at Hendrix," Schallhorn said.

"We're really excited about the projects and what we think it will add not only to the atmosphere here at the college, but how it will benefit the city of Conway in general," Schallhorn said.

The village would also benefit

Northwest by allowing faculty, staff and students to interact with the community in a different way, Covert said.

If the village is built, Covert feels it will be an incentive for those in Maryville who wish to stay in the area after they retire.

He thinks it will help increase the population in Maryville as well by keeping individuals here and bringing individuals back that are retiring back to this part of the state, Covert said.

"It will give them an opportunity to stay close to friends and family and their ties to the northwest region of the state," Covert said.

CARSON'S: Restaurant fills niche

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"There is so much college sports that are rich here, plus you are in a college town where the staple of this market, what everyone is hungry for is this Bearcat nation," Riedel said. "I've never been to a place as small town like this where everyone wears green, everybody is into this."

As a sports player in high school, Riedel describes himself as a passionate sports fan.

"I hate to sound sexist when I say it. Men like three things, they like money, they like woman and sports," Riedel said. "Well I can give you two of those. You can give me money, and watch your sports. That's a simple way to put it."

Riedel's mother-in-law, father-in-law, wife and himself co-own the restaurant. As a family-owned restaurant, Carson's employs mostly students who create sub-communities, Riedel said.

"It's nice for us to see when we go hang out at The Pub one night and there's eight of our employees playing pool together. I would say we are a family restaurant in multi-

fascies," he added.

Working at Carson's is fun, T.J. Fenton said while standing behind the bar.

"It's very stress free, it's a good working environment," Fenton said. "The customers are easy to talk to; you're always going to get someone to talk sports."

Another employee of Carson's and former Northwest football player Adam Schroeder enjoys the atmosphere Carson's has to offer.

"I've been involved in sports my entire life, so it's kind of nice to come in to a group of guys you can kind of relate to," Schroeder said.

Carson's keeps the community in mind after college students leave for the summer, Riedel said.

"We offer fair menus, fair prices, comfort food; it's not fancy," Riedel said. "We want you to be able to feel comfortable at lunch coming from the bank in your suit and we want you to feel comfortable in your pajamas coming from your eight o'clock class in the morning."

With less than 25,000 people in 25 square miles, new faces still come visit Carson's almost daily.

"It just amazes me, after a year

and a half, we're still seeing new people," Riedel said.

Wing night, a local favorite, is something Carson's can count on, Riedel said.

"The concept kind of just followed what Buffalo Wild Wings has been doing from 25 years," he added.

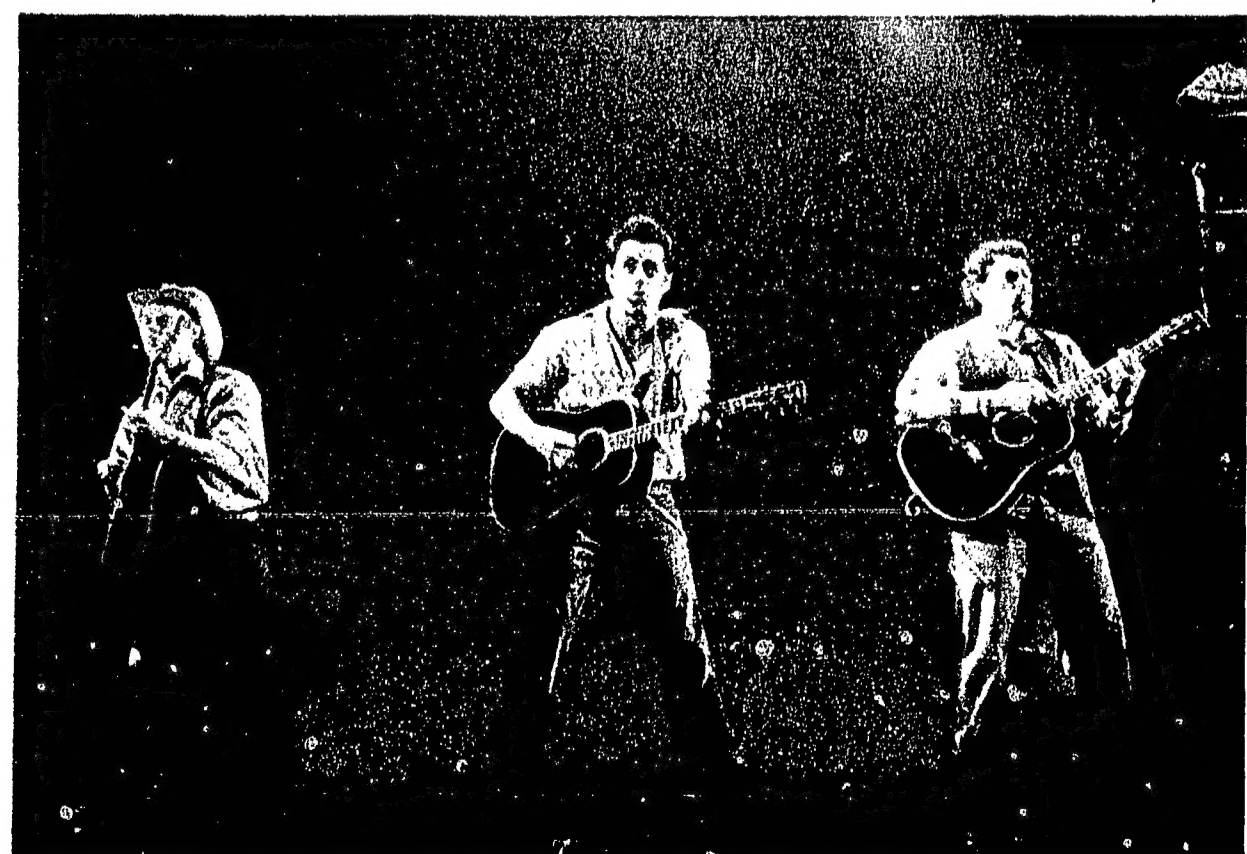
Karaoke night is another event Carson's has, however, the restaurant had trouble to keep minors from attempting to drink alcohol. After using a cover charge for minors, attendance dwindled, Riedel said.

"I'm one of those rare people who waited until they was 21 to go to a bar and drink; by becoming 21-years-old you earn that privilege," Riedel said. "We don't want to be a bar ... we are a restaurant. I've made sort of an unspoken promise to a lot of the bar owners around here that we won't step on their toes."

Carson's serves to provide the community entertainment, Riedel said.

"Money is not the biggest part of it, it's really about serving a community like this the best way possible," he added.

ENCORE PERFORMANCE



DURING THE RING of Fire performance Monday night at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center, actors (from left) Jeremy Wood, Steve Benoit and Scott Stacy took turns playing the role of Johnny Cash.

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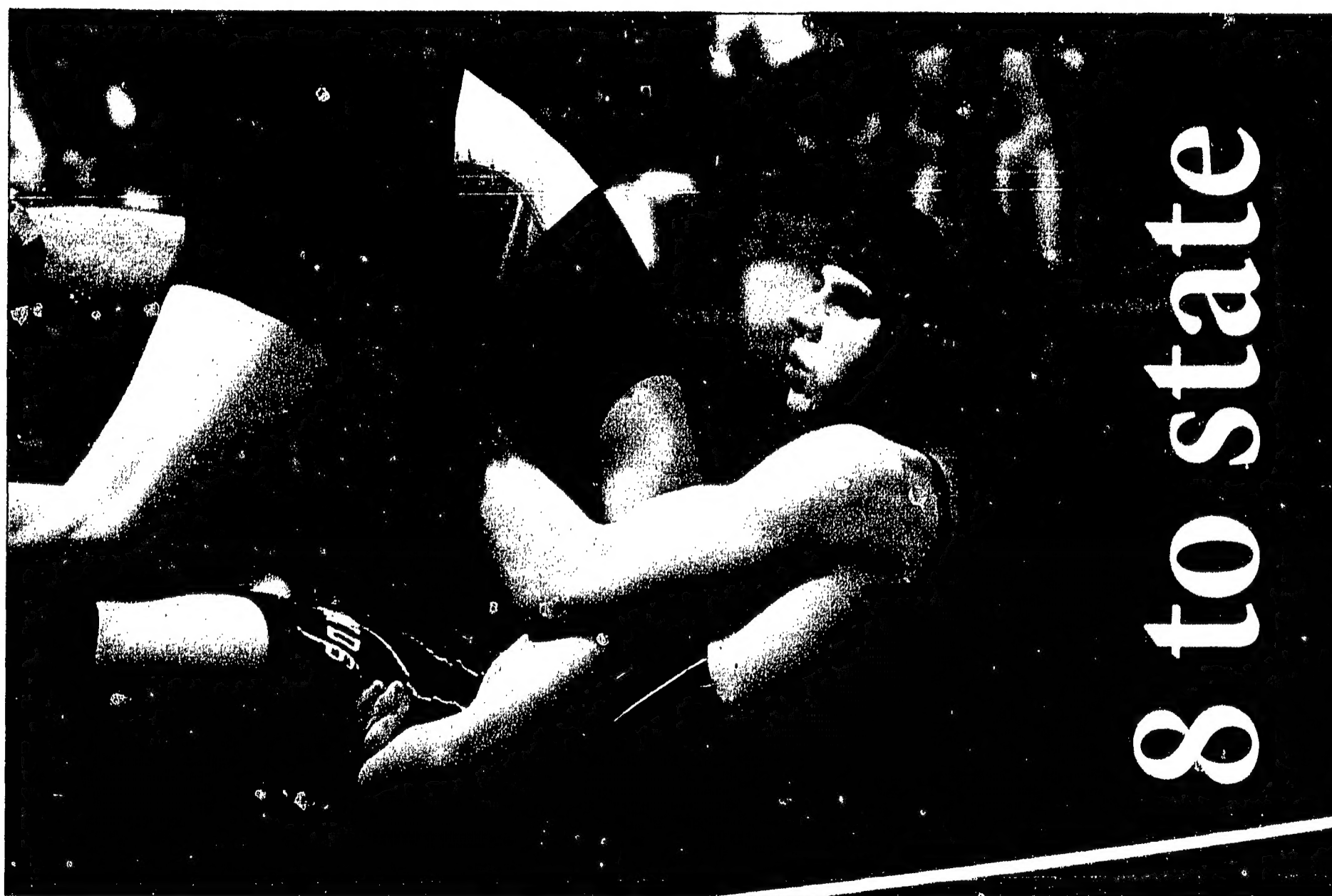
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SPORTS

MHS WRESTLING FEATURE



FRESHMAN RYAN PHILLIPS is one of two Maryville wrestlers making their first state tournament appearance. Phillips upset No. 1 seed Mike Lamp at districts, earning him a district finals appearance.

State returners, newcomers look to improve last year's placing

By Sam Robinson
Community Sports Editor

In a period that saw nearly every Maryville wrestler's play fluctuate, there has been one constant: the Spoofhound wrestlers.

Last season, when most of their counterparts were mired in mediocrity, the Maryville wrestling team sent seven performers to Mizzou Arena.

Six of those grapplers returned, and despite enduring a multitude of injuries as a group, those six are the embodiment of this team's consistency as each advances to Columbia for another Class 1 State Tournament appearance.

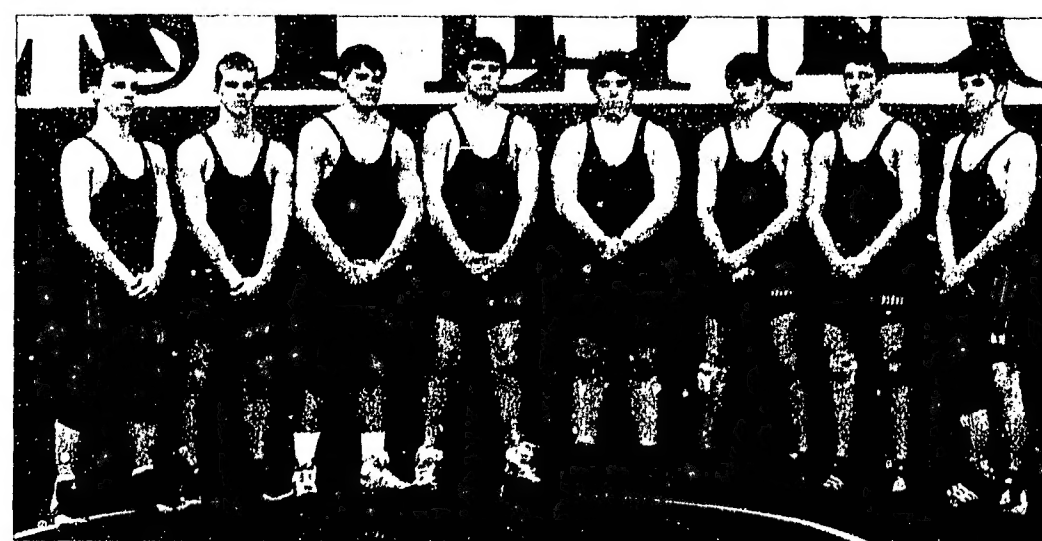
Two more 'Hounds, sophomores Ryan Phillippe (112) and Jason Davis (275) qualified as well, making this the largest group to make the trip to state in several years, and one of the more experienced as well.

In coach Joe Drake's eyes, nothing can adequately prepare a wrestler for this event quite like experience.

"I think it's huge," Drake said. "You've got to get them down there. They have to see the crowd, the atmosphere, the noise level and there's no way you can prepare them for that level of competition, until they actually go down there."

Tanner Archer (160), who is making his third straight trip to Columbia, concurred, saying talent doesn't necessarily trump reputation.

"It (experience) means the world pretty much out there," Archer said. "Mat time is really what makes a wrestler."



EIGHT WRESTLERS ADVANCED to the state tournament with a top-4 placing at districts last weekend. (L-R) Dannen Merrill, Dakota Merrill, Jacob Zech, Luke Lancaster, Jason Davis, Tanner Archer, Derek DeMott and Ryan Phillippe, will each make the trip to Columbia today as state participants.

Last season, just two of those seven 'Hounds (sophomore Dannen Merrill and graduated senior Cliff Robertson) won their first-round matches. At last Saturday's district championships in Cameron, the 'Hounds served notice they may not be departing so early this time around. Every wrestler who advanced took third or better, with four advancing to the district finals.

Merrill (119, 33-1) and Archer (160, 27-7) won district titles, while Jacob Zech (171) and Phillippe lost in the district finals.

Phillippe's loss came after he notched possibly the day's most surprising win.

"One of the big highlights of the day was Ryan Phillippe upsetting the No. 1 seed (Hamilton's Mike Lamp) and getting into the finals," Drake said. "Even though he didn't take first, we knew as soon as it happened, he was on his way to the

well-timed forfeits.

"That was the reason we held those kids out," he said. "It was worth it, the sacrifice of some duals to get ourselves in the position to get them back into action. We were lucky in the fact that it came at a time when we could pull them out and rest them. If it had come right before districts, they would've had to compete with the injuries and that would've had a devastating effect on their performances."

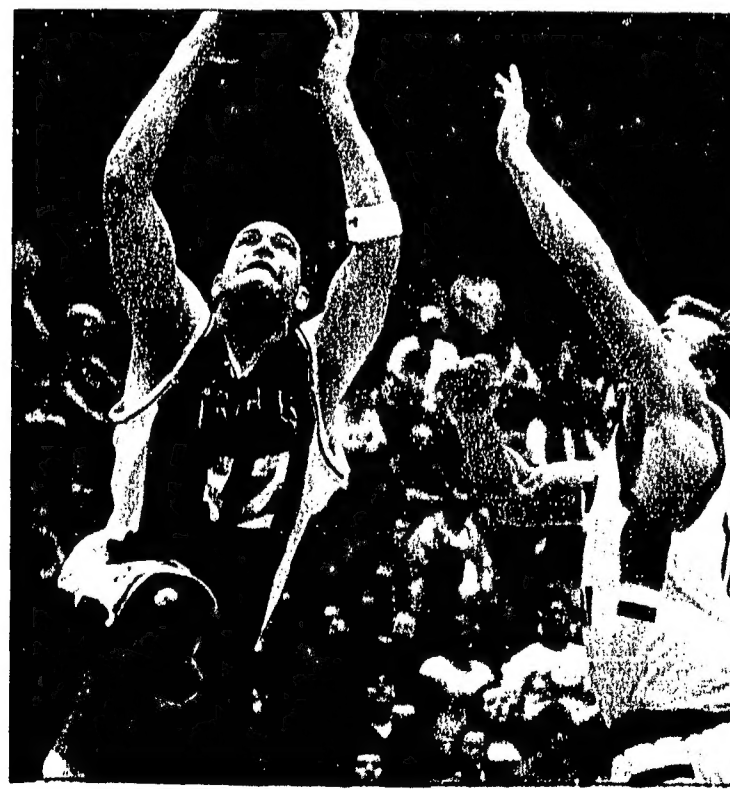
The gamble paid off and the team is healthy at the most important time of the season.

Dannen, who finished fifth last season and has now won 30 straight matches, has had the best season, but may not be in the best position to win, bracket-wise. Whitfield's Ryan Mango (41-0) won the state

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NW MEN'S BASKETBALL

Utah connection serving men's team well



NORTHWEST FORWARD MATT WITHERS and guard Mike Larsen have helped the Bearcats to a 7-5 conference record. Witherers averages 9.2 points per game, while Larsen dishes out 1.4 assists per game.

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

When forward Matt Wither came to Maryville from Taylorsville, Utah in 2003, he had former graduate assistant and fellow Utahian Joel Taylor to show him around.

So, when sophomore guard Mike Larsen made the trip from South Jordan, Utah to Northwest last season, Wither made it a point to show the new guy around.

"It was one Utahian helping another, helping another," Wither said.

Withers and Larsen knew one another before becoming teammates. Withers' younger brother is a good friend of Larsen's, and one day, Withers talked to Larsen about coming to Northwest.

When Withers returned to Maryville, he gave the coaching staff a tape of Larsen and within a couple of weeks, Larsen became a Bearcat.

"I got here because of Matt," Larsen said. "It would've been a tougher sell for sure (without him). I probably wouldn't have ever heard of this place. Maryville, Mo. doesn't really pop out on the

map."

The two are similar in demeanor on and off the court. Both see themselves as leaders on the court, and the biggest jokers outside the arena.

Take for example this season's media guide. In each player's bio, they name the "best dancer" and "who takes the longest to get ready," among others. Larsen names Withers in both categories.

"I meant to hit him a couple of times about that. I don't know why he's thinking that," Withers said.

Larsen quickly defended himself. "It's not that you take the longest to get ready," Larsen said to Withers. "It's that you take the longest to get started."

On the court, Withers leads by example. Larsen, at times, plays with reckless abandon, showing little concern for his 155-pound frame. It's also got him into some in-game scuffles, like a Jan. 16 home game against Missouri Southern. As a Southern player moved towards his bench to call

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Check NWmissourianews.com for extended interviews with Matt Wither and Mike Larsen.

NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



NORTHWEST GUARD LAUREN WILLIAMS notched five points and five rebounds in a 96-52 loss to Central Missouri last Saturday. Northwest returns to action Saturday against Pittsburg State.

Defining week ahead for women

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

On a team laden with experience, this wasn't what the Northwest women's basketball team had in mind.

The senior-led team seemed like a shoe-in for the MIAA tournament two weeks ago. The Bearcats were also on track for a conference championship, and a possible regional tournament bid.

But two weeks later, Northwest finds itself riding a four-game losing skid, and in a battle to qualify for the MIAA tournament. Northwest coach Gene Steinmeyer said his six seniors did some soul searching after last Saturday's 96-52 loss to Central Missouri.

"We have six seniors and they all voice their different opinions," Steinmeyer said. "Some of those are positive and some are negative. Hopefully, Saturday was a wake-up call to get on the same page."

Last Saturday's 44-point loss came against a team the 'Cats defeated by 14 two weeks ago. That contest marked the last time Northwest has won a game while Central Missouri hasn't lost since the '98-99 setback.

"Everything that could go wrong, went wrong," Steinmeyer said. "And when we got down, we quit competing. That's terrible to say about your team. Now, they didn't quit playing, but they quit trying to win the game."

In order to stop the streak, senior Kelli Nelson said the team must stay positive.

"We want to win big this week," Nelson said. "We want to get back on track, and play hard."

Northwest returns to action Saturday against Pittsburg State, a team it defeated 95-65 Jan. 19. The 'Cats

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NW BASEBALL, SOFTBALL

Baseball, softball to open season

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

The Northwest baseball team begins this season looking to improve on last season's third place MIAA finish.

Saturday, the Bearcats begin a three-game series against Arkansas Tech in Russellville, Ark. Last year, Northwest took three out of four from the Wonder Boys.

"We need leaders to emerge," coach Darin Loe said. "Our two leaders were John White and Ryley Westman last year."

White and Westman graduated, but Westman's younger brother, Britt, along with Ben Malick, return after batting .326 and .335, respectively, last season.

Brother Harvel and Evan Nickell anchor the pitching staff. Harvel had a 3.16 ERA, while Nickell finished with a 3.21. Last season, Northwest finished second in the MIAA in ERA, while posting six shutouts.

"We don't have as many numbers as we did last year, but feel like we have higher quality," Loe said.

The Wonder Boys are off to a 2-3 start after finishing 23-32 last season. First pitch is at 1 p.m.

The softball team is staying in the Midwest as they travel to Pittsburg, Kan. Northwest begins at 10 a.m., Saturday, against Lincoln (Mo.), followed by host Pittsburg State and then Kansas Wesleyan.

The Bearcats finished 25-18 last year, and missed the regional tournament after holding the final playoff spot for the last portion of the season.

Cela Krueger leads the pitching staff after going 12-8 with a 2.46 ERA.

Megan Simpson returns after hitting a team-best 10 home runs last season.

Northwest is used to fast starts. Last season, Northwest opened the season 5-0.

First pitch is 10 a.m.

NW INDOOR TRACK

Falkner impresses in first meet back

By Marcus Meade
Asst. Sports Editor

He hadn't raced in over a year, but senior sprinter E.J. Falkner found a way to contribute right away.

He contributed by becoming the first Northwest men's athlete to provisionally qualify for the NCAA Indoor Championships during the University of Central Missouri Mule Relays last weekend. Falkner qualified in both the 60- and 200-meter dashes.

While Falkner was the men's first qualifier, he wasn't able to beat junior high jumper Halley Carlson to nationals. Carlson earned a spot the day before when the women competed with a jump of 5-4 1/4.

Neither athlete managed to win their event, but Northwest men's coach Richard Alsop said he wouldn't be surprised if Falkner takes a title at the conference meet.

"He's a very good track athlete, an exceptional track athlete, a natural track athlete, but he's working harder right now than I've ever seen him work in track," Alsop said. "I think he wants to finish his senior year on a good positive note."

Other men's team standouts included sprinter John Miles and Maryville native Ben McKim. Miles finished sixth in the 60-meter dash and nearly qualified for nationals while McKim finished fifth in the shot put.

On the women's side, junior Audrey Bailey continued her success in the 600-yard run by posting a time good enough for third in school history. Freshman Alissa Miller joined the 600-yard run for the first time ever and finished 13th.

"It was different," Miller said. "I wasn't sure how to run it, and my first lap was a little too fast, but it wasn't that bad."

The women's successes didn't come without a little heartbreak. Sophomore hurdler Johanna Avilez, who just began competing again last weekend, re-injured herself, probably ending her indoor season, coach Scott Lorek said.

"That's just a tough break," Lorek said. "We get her back and then lose her right away."

After a weekend of mostly good news for both teams, the 'Cats should have a better idea of where they stand in the conference because six of the eight teams in the MIAA were in Warrensburg.

"I think that we'll at least get top three at conference," junior sprinter Sheldon Cook said. "I'm thinking more like first, because we have a lot of athletes who are ready to help out."

The women have a very precise idea of where they stand nationally after being ranked eight in the country by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

The women will compete next in the South Dakota's John Dalton Open this weekend with the MIAA meet being held at the end of February.

NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

Schumacher, Bayer lone bright spots during loss

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

Two players emerged last Saturday as bright spots in an otherwise forgetful game for the Northwest women's basketball team. Lindsay Bayer and Mandi Schumacher were overshadowed by the 96-52 defeat, but their play could help bring Northwest back to its winning ways.

Schumacher netted a career-high 25 points against Central Missouri last Saturday, putting her two points shy of 1,000 career points. Most likely, Nelson will have already reached the 1,000-point plateau before Saturday (Wednesday's results not available at press time, check NWmissourian.com for complete story).

"Well, I want the team to do well most of all," Nelson said. "I don't really think about."

This is just another milestone Nelson has earned during her four years at Northwest. Nelson has started in 63 consecutive games, and stands alone atop the Northwest career 3-point made chart with 174. Nelson also ranks third in career steals with 244.

Emporia State tops power rankings
Emporia State may be the most talented team in the MIAA, and it is only a matter of time before this team gets going and wins the conference outright.

1. Washburn (1)
2. Southwest Baptist (3)
3. Missouri Southern (4)
4. Central Missouri (8)
5. Truman State (6)
6. Northwest (5)
7. Missouri Western (7)
8. Pittsburg State (10)
9. Fort Hays State (9)

NW MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

Injury stalls Howard

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

Point guard Mose Howard is out 2-4 weeks with a torn meniscus in his knee.

The senior guard had surgery last Thursday as Northwest beat Emporia State in double overtime. Coach Steve Tappmeyer said Howard could return in time for the MIAA tournament in early March.

"I think he's relieved. It's been bothering him so bad not knowing what it was," Tappmeyer said. "Now, it's a matter of getting into a good frame of mind to see how quick he can get back."

Howard has started in 15 of 19 games, and is averaging 8.5 points-five points below his career-best 13.5 points in 2005-2006.

Official Disciplined
The MIAA has suspended reserve Tom Svehla for the rest of the season after improperly using video replay to reverse a call in last Thursday's game between Northwest and Emporia State.

After Emporia's Andrew Davison hit a game-winning 3-pointer from half-court, Svehla reviewed video that didn't show the game clock, and used a stop watch on a cell phone to rule the shot was not good. Northwest went on to beat Emporia 91-83 in double overtime.

"It is unfortunate when the action of one individual has such a significant impact on what was an outstanding Division II college basketball game," commissioner Jim Johnson said in a release.

The MIAA has decided to not overturn the decision, and Emporia has appealed the decision to the NCAA.

Stat of the Week
Northwest's 59-49 win against Central Missouri earned the Bearcats its first season sweep of the Mules since the 2003-2004 season.

SBU remains on top
Southwest Baptist and Missouri Southern meet Saturday in a battle for first place in the MIAA. Who would've thought? Until that happens, SBU remains No. 1 in this week's MIAA Power Rankings.

1. Missouri Southern (2)
2. Northwest (3)
3. Emporia State (5)
4. Central Missouri (6)
5. Fort Hays State (4)
6. Washburn (8)
7. Pittsburg State (7)
8. Truman State (9)
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UTAH: Larsen, Withers impacting squad

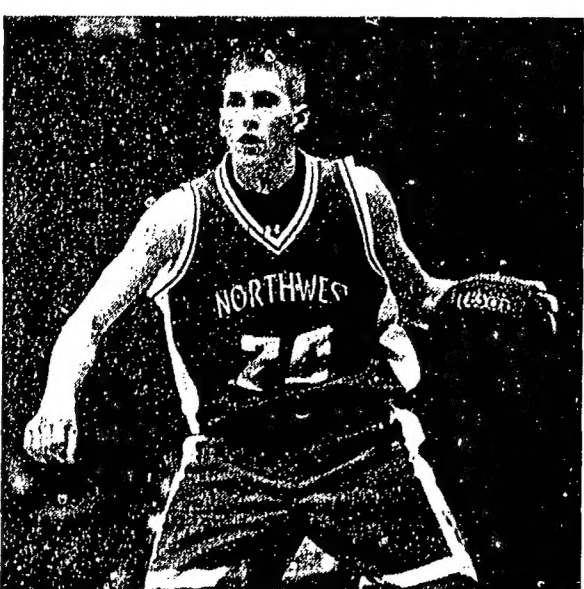
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Withers had to assume a different role this season. Before, the team needed Withers to play more defense and score less. This year, with the team struggling to find the go-to scorer and more importantly, chemistry, Withers has stepped in, averaging 9.2 points, and shooting 55 percent from the field.

"Matt's been consistent at a very high level. He's not a vocal leader, but he leads by example," Tappmeyer said.

Northwest is No. 3 in the South Central region entering Saturday's game against Pittsburg State. Larsen and Withers have been key contributors to Northwest's climb back up the MIAA.

"I don't know if you can measure just how big they've been," Tappmeyer said.



MIKE LARSEN DIDN'T play much as a freshman year, but his performance in last year's regional win over Pittsburg State earned him more playing time this season.

WOMEN: Team hitting important stretch

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remaining schedule includes trips to Washburn, Missouri Southern and Fort Hays State, and one home game against Missouri Western.

Northwest defeated Fort Hays State, Washburn and Missouri Southern earlier in the season. Missouri Southern defeated Northwest on a last-second lay-up at Bearcat Arena, Jan. 16.

"The seniors only have three home games left," Nelson said. "We can't overlook anybody. Anyone can beat anyone."

The conference race is still too close

to call. Southwest Baptist, Washburn and Emporia State, are tied atop the conference standings at 7-5, while Missouri Southern ranks fourth at 7-3.

The 'Cats' 6-6 record (as of press time) is fifth best, while Central Missouri trails by a 1/2 game with a 6-7 record. Truman State sits at seventh at 5-7 (as of press time), while Missouri Western is eighth at 4-8.

Eight teams are eligible for the conference tournament.

"This week will define us," Steinmeyer said. "We need two wins, and these are teams we should beat. If we don't, we'll have to go to plan B, and I hope we

don't have to go there."

The team won't be complete, though. Illness has affected the squad for two weeks, and Steinmeyer said the flu virus is still affecting a few players. Also, Amber Vandevender's back injury will continue to sideline the junior guard indefinitely.

"I had an MRI, and the doctors said to just stay off it," Vandevender said. "It's the only way it will heal. I'll just keep rehabbing and hopefully I can join the team soon."

Northwest squares off against Pittsburg State at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, at Bearcat Arena. The 'Cats return to action at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, at Washburn.

BEARCATS

MEN'S STATISTICS		
Northwest	Points/game	Opponent
73.0	61.2	
44.4	Field goal pct.	.424
35.5	Rebounds/game	32.0
13.7	Assists/game	13.9
13.48	Three point pct.	.328
13.5	Turnovers/game	19.3
10.4	Steals/game	7.1
7.13	Free throw pct.	.694
1.9	Blocks/game	3.2

CONFERENCE LEADERS		
Scoring per game	Steals per game	
1. D. Townsend-ESU 20.2	1. S. Bowlin-MSSU 2.38	
2. C. Abercrombie-PSU 18.6	2. D. Byrd-UCM 2.09	
3. L. Johnson-MWSU 17.4	4. L. Sullivan-NW 1.95	
12. H. Henry-NW 13.0	9. M. Howard-NW 1.74	
16. L. Sullivan-NW 11.8	10. A. Peterson-NW 1.69	

Rebounds per game	Assists per game	
1. C. Abercrombie-PSU 10.7	1. D. Townsend-ESU 5/76	
2. M. Rogers-SBU 7.8	2. B. Burgett-SBU 4/24	
2. P. Fandja-TSU 7.8	3. M. Scott-WU 4/21	
7. H. Henry-NW 7.3		

FG percentage	3-pt percentage	
1. C. Abercrombie-PSU .592	1. D. Harris-SBU .504	
2. V. Alaba-MSSU .590	2. C. Tegmeier-ESU .472	
3. M. Rogers-SBU .570	3. A. Melle-WU .456	
6. H. Henry-NW .517		



THE NORTHWEST MEN completed their first season sweep of Central Missouri since the 2003-04 season during last Saturday's 59-49 victory. Matt Withers totaled 13 points and eight rebounds, while Lance Sullivan netched 10 points. The Bearcats return to action Saturday against Pittsburg State.

WOMEN'S STATISTICS		
Northwest	Points/game	Opponent
75.1	72.0	
40.7	Field goal pct.	.442
37.4	Rebounds/game	39.0
15.8	Assists/game	15.6
3.01	Three point pct.	.351
15.6	Turnovers/game	21.0
11.0	Steals/game	7.7
7.13	Free throw pct.	.761
3.0	Blocks/game	3.0

CONFERENCE LEADERS		
Scoring per game	Steals per game	
1. M. Stueve-ESU 22.0	1. C. Woods-MWSU 2.85	
2. G. Mueller-TSU 21.2	2. E. Souza-SBU 2.62	
3. E. Souza-SBU 19.8	3. R. Graves-SBU 2.33	
8. M. Schumacher-NW 15.2	7. L. Williams-NW 2.14	
	9. K. Nelson-NW 1.89	

Rebounds per game	Assists per game	
1. J. Jones-UCM 10.6	1. E. Souza-SBU 5.19	
2. G. Mueller-TSU 9.7	2. C. Woods-SBU 4.75	
3. J. Johnson-MWSU 8.4	3. L. Wood-MSSU 4.05	
6. M. Schumacher-NW 7.1		

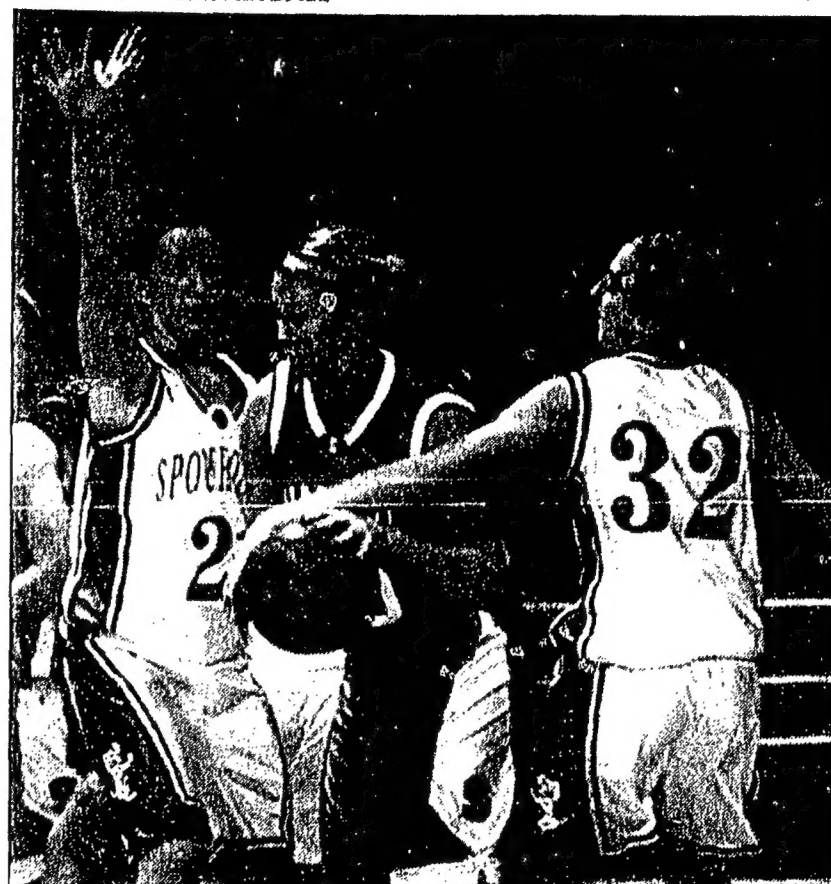
FG percentage	3-pt percentage	
1. M. Schumacher-NW .587	1. M. Stueve-ESU .477	
2. G. Mueller-TSU .551	2. A. Leiker-ESU .457	
3. T. Pierce-MSSU .532	3. C. Boston-ESU .455	
	10. K. Nelson-NW .350	

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SPOOFHOUNDS

MHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL



SOPHOMORE GUARD MERIDEE Scott steals the ball in the first half of Maryville's 50-44 loss to Smithville, Jan. 31. Scott led all scorers with 20 points against the Warriors.

Girls' destruction of Pioneers marks 3rd straight win

By Sam Robinson
Community Sports Editor

After leading for three quarters against defending state champion Benton, the Maryville girls' basketball team showed no signs of a letdown this week.

Chillicothe (Meb.) City and Nebraskia City (Neb.) have all been victims of the Spoofhounds in the past week, as they've run their record to 15-5.

The Pioneers hung with the 'Hounds early, but couldn't handle the full-court press late, falling 64-41.

"We pressed more (Tuesday night)," coach Grant Hageman said. "It didn't always work, but that's what eventually wore them down in the second half."

"They had four or five possessions in the third quarter where they capitalized on some open looks and we just weren't getting after it. But, we called a quick timeout and made some adjustments. After that, it was all Lady Spoofhounds."

Asses-high 12 'Hounds scored points against the Pioneers, with junior post player Megan Walker leading the way with 10.

While the center was the only Maryville player to crack double digits, Hageman was impressed with the way his guards ran the offense.

"We did a little better job executing offensively," he said. "The guards were good moving without the ball. They weren't so stationary."

At the half, Nebraska City was

down 29-18 and managed to cut the deficit to single digits with a third-quarter run. But, following a timeout, the Pioneers couldn't sustain their momentum and were eventually put away in the fourth.

Senior Jordan Gadbois didn't think her team got off to the best start, but made up for it with some timely second-half play.

"We couldn't've played better (overall), but we came out in the second half (knowing) we had to play a little harder to get the win," Gadbois said.

Monday, Maryville used a 19-8 fourth-quarter run to bury Mound City, 60-41. The scoring trend mirrored Tuesday's game, as Walker led with 10 points and 10 different 'Hounds appeared on the score-board.

Gadbois and Meridee Scott added nine, with freshmen Shannon McClellan and Molly Stiens dropping in seven.

Last Saturday, Maryville notched its first official MEC win with a 41-34 victory over Chillicothe. Emily Kisker scored a game-high 15 points, while McClellan's six points came exclusively from beyond the arc.

Maryville plays its final home game tonight, against Savannah, who it beat 56-53 in overtime three weeks ago. The 'Hounds are coming off their biggest win of the season, however, as they beat No. 5 Benton 32-21, Monday night.

"Savannah's on a roll right now, but it's our senior night, and we have some momentum as well and we'll just have to see how it plays out," Hageman said.

MHS BOYS' BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

'Hounds enjoy successful month

By Marcus Meade
Asst. Sports Editor

Unscheduled victory

The Spoofhounds' unscheduled matchup with Mound City, Monday, ended in Maryville's favor. The 'Hounds won 69-56.

Senior Andy Walter led all scorers with 23 points and senior Aaron Dueker continued to establish himself as the team's second scoring option with 16.

Cardinal rematch

Maryville got a second look at the Benton Cardinals, Friday.

Benton beat the 'Hounds 49-41 in another closely-contested matchup. Dueker led the 'Hounds in scoring with 14 points, eight in the fourth quarter.

Like Maryville's previous loss to Benton, they were working from behind most of the game.

The 'Hounds trailed 15-9 after the first quarter and 27-14 after the first half.

Maryville was able to hold Benton's star Johnny Coy to only 17 points, most of which coming in the first quarter.

Winning month

Over the last month, the 'Hounds have enjoyed their most success this season.

Since Jan. 15, the 'Hounds are 6-4 with wins over conference foes Platte County, Smithville, Savannah and Chillicothe. Two of the 'Hounds' four losses have come against Benton.

Up next

Feb. 14 — Savannah, F/J/V/V; 5 p.m., Savannah

Feb. 19 — Cameron, F/J/V/V; 5:30 p.m., Maryville (Senior Night)

Feb. 25-March 3 — District Tournament, TBA, TBA

MHS BOYS' BASKETBALL



SENIOR KLAY TALMADGE leads the Maryville offense from the point guard position. The Spoofhounds lost to Benton for the second time this season, 49-41, last Friday.

STATE: Top seeds may pose threat early in tourney

Continued from B1

title at 103 last season and, if the seeds hold up, stands to meet Maryville's 119-pounder in the semifinals.

"I think that's going to be a big road block for him," Drake said. "Dannen's done an exceptionally good job this year. His talent's very good, but unfortunately for him, he drew into the same side of the bracket as the defending state champ. We'd much rather have seen him (Mango) in the finals. That's the big hurdle we've got to get over."

If he pulls the upset, Dannen would have a chance to become Maryville's first state champion of the decade.

"In the semifinals, so far, is against the No. 1 kid in state, so that'll be tough," Dannen said. "If I make it past him, it'll be a good match in the finals and I'll have a shot."

The three elder statesmen of this group face daunting tasks to make a run in their final tournaments. Lancaster squares off against No. 1-ranked Mike Hall from Lutheran St. Charles, while Dakota has the No. 4 and No. 1 ranked wrestlers on his side of the bracket.

Archer, who is riding perhaps the most momentum in winning his first district title, also faces an uphill battle, as No. 2-seed Bryce Cupp, from Marcellin could loom in the semis.

"But had it not been for his district title, he may have to battle Cupp or another top seed in the first round, as opposed to later on."

"That's going to carry over," he said of his district momentum. "Winning districts helped me with my road at state. I should win my first match, and then, in my second round (match), I should have a kid who ended up medaling last year. It's never easy."

"I just want to come out with a medal this year. I've been down there, now I just want to win down there."

With a larger group that sports more experience, the 'Hounds are eager to improve on their 22nd-place finish of a year ago, but Drake stresses that while the goal is more all-state finishes, this group cannot fail, as these eight have already proved they are among Missouri's elite.

"That was one of our next steps for this year, to not only get them back, but to have more placers," he said. "(But,) at this point, there is no failure. They've already proven they're among the top 16 in the state. Yes, absolutely we want to see everybody place as high as possible, but there's no failure at this point. This is just icing on the cake."



SENIOR DAKOTA MERRILL recovered from his dislocated elbow injury in time to prepare himself during the Quad State Tournament Jan. 26. Merrill is 21-5 on the season.

Ryan Phillippe — Sophomore, 21-15 112 pounds First round: vs. Kendall Crosswhite (28-11), Sophomore, Diamond District runner-up Last year: First-time qualifier	Dakota Merrill — Senior, 21-5 140 pounds First round: vs. Crees Forster (21-9) Junior, Lafayette County Districts: Third place Last year: Lost in first round, won in first round of wrestlebacks	Luke Lancaster — Senior, 27-9 189 pounds First round: vs. Mike Hall (28-3) Senior, Lutheran St. Peters Districts: Third place Last year: Lost in first round
Dannen Merrill — Sophomore, 33-1 119 pounds First round: vs. Mike King (27-14), Junior, Park Hills Central District champion Last year: Fifth place	Tanner Archer — Senior, 27-7 160 pounds First round: vs. Hayden Summers (7-10) Freshman, Carrollton District champion Last year: Lost in first round	Jason Davis — Sophomore, 32-4 285 pounds First round: vs. Todd Alexander (19-12) Junior, Blair Oaks Districts: Third place First-time qualifier
Derek DeMott — Sophomore, 25-9 135 pounds First round: vs. Alonzo Pineiro (21-5) Junior, Central District runner-up Last year: Lost in first round	Jacob Zech — Sophomore, 17-9 171 pounds First round: vs. Michael Lanieri (27-7) Senior, Lone Jack District runner-up Last year: Lost in first round	Class 1 Start Times Today: 10 a.m. — First round, wrestlebacks Friday: 9:30 a.m. — Second round, wrestlebacks 6 p.m. — Semifinals, wrestlebacks Saturday: 10 a.m. — Finals

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NWMSU, MHS Athletes of the Week

Falkner

In his first race in two years, Falkner provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships in the 60-meter and 200-meter dashes Saturday at the UCM Mule Relays.

Schumacher

The senior forward from Columbus, Neb., averaged 21 points and seven rebounds in two games against Emporia State and Central Missouri.

Walker

The junior post player led the Spoofhounds in scoring against Nebraska City and Mound City, scoring 10 points in both games.

Archer

The senior 160-pounder won districts and earned his third straight state

Non-stop analysis plagues die-hard sports fans

A new disease is threatening the sports fans of America. Symptoms include knowledge of players who haven't begun playing yet and a pining for high school football season to begin.

If you, or a friend, are displaying these symptoms, keep reading.

About a week ago, I flipped through the channels containing "Dog the Bounty Hunter" and "ESPNNews" when I hit something I thought must be a mistake.

The guide on my TV said ESPN



Marcus Meade
Asst. Sports Editor

was airing high school football. High school football in February? That makes no sense, I thought. So, tired of Dog's semi-skewed view of the world, I changed to watch tomorrow's stars that day.

In fact, it made me a little sad inside. ESPN was airing a high school football skills competition. No game. No pads crunching. No coaches screaming. There weren't even any cheerleaders.

That competition made me think about how we look at sports, specifically football, in this country. We're

at the point where some care more about what's next than what's now.

This is the shift. This is why people are watching high school kids throw footballs at moving cardboard boxes, and it's sick.

I know because I'm one of the afflicted people in this country who pour over mock drafts and memorize forty-yard dash times in anticipation for my favorite day of the year ... the NFL Draft.

It really is a disease. In late February, I'll feed my addiction by watching the NFL Scouting Combine. How sad is that?

The NFL shortened its first and second rounds to make their draft more viewer friendly, because more and more

people want to know the future of their favorite franchises. Major League Baseball took a page from the NFL's book and televised the first round of its draft for the first time ever last year.

I know, I'm a hypocrite. I'm the guy who has taped and rewatched the Senior Bowl, but it's getting out of hand. How long before they're televising Pop Warner games? What? They are? I fear we're lost forever.

Come late April, I'll feed the monster by watching college players sit in a banquet hall and get selected to different teams, but you don't have to be like me.

Get help. Get out while you still can.

POWER RANKINGS

MEC Boys

- Team**
1. Benton
 2. Smithville
 3. Lafayette
 4. Maryville
 5. Cameron
 6. Platte County
 7. Chillicothe
 8. Savannah
- No. 1 seed in districts, but haven't blown MEC teams away lately. With Benton slumping, Jones' bunch has chance at district title. Routed Chillicothe 81-46, Tuesday night, hitting seven first-half 3's. Walter's 23 propelled 'Hounds past Mound City Monday night. Could be trouble in their district and will post another W vs. Hornets. Could upend Benton, who's suddenly showing vulnerability at bad time. Managed to give up 81 points, will be first-round exit next week. Host 'Hounds to end disappointing regular season. Likely one-and-done.

Today and Friday's games:

1. Benton: at Platte County (Fri.)
2. Smithville: at Lafayette (Fri.)
3. Lafayette: vs. Smithville (Fri.)
4. Maryville: at Savannah
5. Platte County: vs. Benton (Fri.)
6. Cameron: vs. Chillicothe (Fri.)
7. Chillicothe: vs. Cameron (Fri.)
8. Savannah: vs. Maryville

SPORTS STAFF PICKS

* We at the Northwest Missourian do not acknowledge the NBA as an actual sports organization. Therefore, no NBA picks.

Scott's Picks Prediction Record (9-3) NCAA Lock

Georgetown at Syracuse — C-Town. Georgetown squeaked out a victory against Villanova thanks to the ineptitude of the officials, and I think the Hoyas will continue to ride the momentum. This team has destiny on its side when it comes to referee screw jobs. The wins against Villanova isn't unprecedented for this group. Remember last year's Sweet 16 against Vanderbilt? No way Jeff Green didn't travel. Something's screwy going on with Georgetown and referees, so I'm going with the team with the 2-to-1 advantage.

NCAA Lock

Missouri at Kansas State — K-State. Missouri hasn't won a game against a quality opponent in a while, so I'm thinking Kansas State will take care of business. Actually, I can't believe these yahoos actually let me pick this one.

NCAA Upset Alert

UW-Milwaukee at UW-GB — UW-GB. A certain Northwest Missourian sports editor places a call to Packers quarterback Brett Favre. During the conversation, a certain someone suggests not to attend this one. Favre doesn't, and Wisconsin-Green Bay avoids choking this one away.

NCAA Upset Alert

Stetson at Mercer — Mercer. A strong cologne won't help Stetson in this one as Mercer blows them away.

Brett's Picks Prediction Record (8-4) NCAA Lock

Loyola (MD) at Siena — Siena. Loyola is coming off a heart-breaking 92-87 loss to Niagara. Siena is winning close games, and that will prove to be the key in the Saints' win.

NCAA Lock

Florida State at Maryland — Maryland. The Seminoles have taken some decent teams down to the wire. It won't be quite that way when they visit the Terps. Terps have won four straight, and will make it five easily.

NCAA Upset Alert

Michigan State at Indiana — MSU. Michigan State has lost two out of three, so it seems unlikely they can go into Indiana and knock off the Hoosiers, but Indiana and its big scorers are struggling. Eric Gordon hasn't shot the ball well. Michigan State cannot allow itself to fall behind early. They defended well against Purdue, but a 16-point first half deficit was too much to overcome.

NCAA Upset Alert

Columbia at Harvard — Harvard. I'm sure someone from Columbia is throwing down some serious money for this mildly boring Ivy League game. The Lions are in the middle of the pack in the league, while Harvard is focusing too much on international business principles and not on trying to make the dance in March. Crimson, show me something please.

MEC Girls

- Team**
1. Platte County
 2. Benton
 3. Maryville
 4. Savannah
 5. Smithville
 6. Cameron
 7. Chillicothe
 8. Lafayette
- Travel to Benton for conference title match up tonight. Losing to Savannah not the way Cards wanted to enter Platte County. Notched 19-point win against Class 1 state-title qualifier Mound City. Moves up after holding Benton to season-low 21 points Monday night. Chance to avenge overtime loss to 'Hounds tonight. Dragons and Hornets battle for coveted 6-spot in conference. After dreadful season last year, Hornets hovering near .500. Will be likely first-round exit at hands of Warriors in Class 4.

Up Next:

1. Platte County: at Benton
2. Benton: vs. Platte County
3. Maryville: vs. Savannah
4. Savannah: at Maryville
5. Smithville: vs. Lafayette (dist.)
6. Cameron: at Chillicothe
7. Chillicothe: vs. Cameron
8. Lafayette: vs. Smithville (dist.)

THE EXTRA POINT

WHAT TO WATCH?

Scott's TV Picks

Friday
Pittsburgh at Marquette, 7 p.m. ESPN — Maybe Dwayne Wade will come back and make this one a little more interesting.

Days rating (2 of 5)

Saturday
24, 11:30 a.m. WGN — Day six of one of the worst days of Jack Bauer's life. Jack goes to desperate lengths to save America again as he succumbs his brother for information regarding the recent terrorist attack.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Sunday
John Q, 2:30 p.m. TBS — My colleagues do not feel this movie is worth watching. I call them heartless clowns.

Days rating (2 of 5)

Marc's TV Picks
Friday
Countdown to Taylor-Pavlik II, 6:30 p.m. HBO — I loved the first fight. Boxing needs a rebirth. These aren't the guys to do it, but they're the best we have right now.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Saturday
Texas at Baylor, 5 p.m. ESPN — I need Baylor to lose to Texas so Texas won't be ready to play Texas A&M.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Sunday
UCLA at USC, 9 p.m. Fox Sports National — I'll be tuning in to see the genius O.J. Mayo outsmart the Bruins with his enormous brain.

Days rating (2 of 5)

Sam's TV Picks
Friday
In Good Company, 11:10 TBS — Yeah, I own this movie, but I still may watch this. Topher Grace is in such good company in this movie. Quaid = class.

Days rating (2 of 5)

Saturday
Kelly Pavlik vs. Jermain Taylor II, 9ish HBO PPV — Rematch of classic September fight. Won't be for Pavlik's middleweight title, as Taylor has moved up to Super Middleweight. Too bad Ameristar no longer shows boxing. No, they'd rather show white men wrapping their legs around each other in a cage.

Days rating (5 of 5)

Sunday
Duke at Wake Forest, 6:30 p.m., FOX Sports — I may watch.

Days rating (1 of 5)

Brett's TV Picks
Friday
Maris at Manhattan, ESPN, 7 p.m. — Kick back on your satellite, and watch this exciting game. The MAAC is an underdog conference.

Days rating (2 of 5)

Saturday
Missouri Southern at Southwest Baptist, themiaa.tv, 7:30 p.m. — Could be a battle for first place. Baptist can run away with the conference with a win against the Lions.

Days rating (2 of 5)

Sunday
No. 18 Notre Dame at Rutgers, ESPN, Noon — If you're really bored, and you want to get up to watch this game, then I commend you, because I probably won't be watching this game. When was the last time the Rutgers men were good?

Days rating (2 of 5)

NCAA Upset Alert
Texas A&M at Texas — Texas A&M. If Texas loses to Baylor, the odds that they lose to Texas A&M are so long Scott looks at them in envy. But if Texas wins a tight game, they're coming into the Aggies game with nothing. A&M is big inside, and the Longhorns can't handle that size.

AT YOUR LEISURE

TOP PICKS

Top five picks of the week

By Sydney Moore
Entertainment Reporter

To rent — "No Reservations." Catherine Zeta-Jones, Aaron Eckhart and Abigail Breslin star in this romantic comedy about Kate, (Jones) the top chef at an upscale Manhattan restaurant. As if her life wasn't stressful enough, Kate gains guardianship of her 9-year-old niece, Zoe, (Breslin) after her mother passes away. Dealing with the situation, Kate continues to work as always — until her boss hires Nick, (Eckhart) who wants the chance to work under Kate. With Nick constantly around, things start to change for Kate — and maybe not in the way she wants it to.

"iTunes — "One Tree Hill Volume 2" soundtrack. I've recently become obsessed with the show and the music is a huge reason why. The album includes hits by Tyler Hilton, Hot Hot Heat and Nada Surf, which makes this album both amazing and versatile. I definitely recommend downloading the entire album, which is perfect for when you just want to sit around, do homework and listen to slow, calm music.

Go see — "Definitely, Maybe." Just in time for Valentine's Day, this romantic comedy starring Ryan Reynolds and Abigail Breslin hits theaters on the day of love. Reynolds plays a 30-something dad of a 10-year-old girl, Maya, who wants to know every detail of her father's love life before marriage. As he tells his stories of the bachelor days, Maya tries to put together the pieces in hopes of figuring out which girl from her father's past became her mother. In the end, Maya learns that love may not be as easy as she once thought it seemed.

No. 1 album on iTunes — Jack Johnson's new album, "Sleep Through the Static" holds its rightful place at No. 1 this week. His song, "If I Had Eyes" is the perfect first single from the album, with a very upbeat rhythm that easily gets stuck in your head the first time you hear it. The album, released Feb. 5, is definitely worth checking out.

Slacking on Valentine's Day plans? — iTunes has taken it upon themselves to compile a list of various romantic songs, albums and movies just in time for the special day. If you have yet to plan something special for your significant other, get on the iTunes store to get ideas of what movies to rent for the special night together.

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If everything were alternative, nothing would be alternative. Boy, that's deep.

In today's "consume, consume, consume," world, marketing geniuses use labels to promote products or images. A few years ago, every product had an "extreme" version of itself.

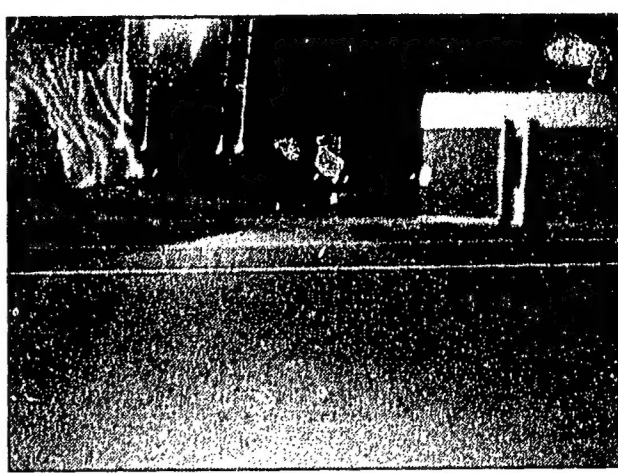
Now, the world is going alternative, or so they think.

Alternative dress, alternative music, alternative lifestyles, alternative eating, these are just marketing tools to make people believe they're acting as unique individuals.

"(Forget) the establishment," shouts the guy with as much originality as Milli Vanilli. "I won't let corporate America tell me what to think."

Actually, you will. Because from your goofy-ass hat down to your skateboarding shoes that your favorite band Modest Mouse loves, you're led by the marketing sheppard.

Maybe the so-called alternative crowd isn't the same as the popped-collar posse, but in terms of respect, the alt-wannabes



The Stroller

deserve less. At least the hair-gel junkies know what they are.

Those who believe they are alternative, and strive to be so, are really just a part of a separate, slightly less-populated group. It's almost as if clothing companies and music labels got together and said, "OK, we'll market to this huge group of people. Then, for all the losers who can't cut it in that group, we'll start another campaign, call it alternative and those kids can be cool in that group while making us billions of dollars."

But wait. There is a third group. Those are the truly alternative.

The people whose interests are so unlikely, unpredictable and varied that they cannot be categorized.

ized (except to be categorized as alternative, which means they can be categorized).

In an attempt to find a few of the truly alternative people, a friend of mine, we'll call him Brother, and I sat down to lunch and started listing those we thought might fit into our new third group.

We discounted ourselves, we're huge Souja Boy fans, and came up with only four names.

The man at the top of the list is the most unpredictable person I've ever met. His favorite musical artists include Winger, N.W.A, Bruce Springsteen and 311.

He wears whatever clothes he gets for free including a hat with a logo from the show Frasier on it. He's an amazing athlete and very popular, but pretty shy.

So, if you wish to join the ranks of the truly alternative, to leave the confines of the American marketing machine, find a guy in a Frasier hat and ask him how he did it.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

MUSIC REVIEW

Bareilles 'Little Voice' inspires hope for the future of female artists

By Sydney Moore
Entertainment Reporter

She's not going to write you a love song — get over it.

Sara Bareilles, a 25-year-old Eureka, Calif., native brought us the rising hit, "Love Song." It is on the commercial for Sirius Satellite Radio and it is now getting radio play all over the country.

The hit is just one of many great songs on her first major label record, "Little Voice," released in July 2007.

My favorite song on the album is "Many Miles." The lyrics are great for someone

who is trying to get the attention of person that seems out of reach and proclaiming how it feels to do anything to get what — or who you want.

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Heart to heart and hand in hand

How organ donation changed their lives

By Whitney Keyes
Features Editor

Come Valentine's Day, preschoolers are sent home with a list. A list of all their classmates they need to include cards for.

However, three-year-old Briley Hull was on a different list. The list for a heart transplant.

Nearby, another three-year-old, Abrielle Neff, helped an anonymous three-year-old boy get off the list for a liver transplant.

Hull and Neff, though they were from different towns, had lots in common. Their age, their tendency to smile, their tendency to make others smile. Unfortunately, another thing they had in common was that neither saw their fourth birthday.

But, they both are living on now — through foundations, teddy bears and prizes for children in area hospitals.

Their stories are different, but both of these little girls left a lesson behind, of how organ donation can change a life.

"She did really good. She was a healthy child," Briley's mother, Sara Hull said. "She didn't look sick."

However, Briley had hypoplastic left heart syndrome, which she'd been diagnosed with prior to her birth. The rare disease which has only been diagnosed since 1983 causes the left side of the heart to not develop properly. There are no known causes.

Hypoplastic left heart syndrome is not totally correctable, but can be helped by either a heart transplant or a process involving three surgeries.

The Hulls opted for the three surgeries, and within a week of her birth, Briley

had her first surgery.

Total, throughout her life, Briley would have 7 heart surgeries.

"We tried everything to keep her off the list," Sara said.

She finished the process of the three surgeries in July 2006, and things were starting to look up.

But, with the change of seasons, Briley's health worsened, and eventually, in January 2007 had to be taken to St. Louis to wait for a heart transplant.

By this time, she'd tried both an artificial valve and a Pacemaker, among other treatments. Now, the only hope the doctors had was a new heart for Briley.

"It's the last thing you want. Even after seven, you ask, 'Isn't there another surgery?'" Sara said. "It's the worst thing in the world."

Briley waited in Children's Hospital in St. Louis for two or three weeks. Her name came up on the list twice, but she wasn't healthy enough for the transplant.

"When she was ready there wasn't one, and she wasn't ready when there was one," Sara said. "It has to be perfect, perfect, or you can't do it."

Briley spent her last days waiting but never got her transplant. She died on Jan. 29, 2007, two weeks before her fourth birthday.

Meanwhile, in Maryville, the Neff family was happy. Madyson, 6, and Abrielle, 3, were both giggly and smiley, and mom Brenda was expecting another.

Things changed for the Neffs on March 29, 2007, on the way to school, when they were hit by another vehicle. The very pregnant Brenda and Madyson were both fine, but Abrielle was not. She needed to be life-flighted, but the weather

was not permitting. After being taken to St. Francis in Maryville, then St. Joseph, Mo, she was finally flown to Kansas City Children's Mercy Hospital.

It was there that the Neffs made the first move regarding organ donation. Brenda saw a co-workers life change when he received a kidney transplant, so they were very interested in donation.

"If our little girl could have helped anyone else," she would have," Brenda said.

Later the same night, Abrielle died due to complications from the accident.

The day after the accident, the Neffs found out that Abrielle's kidneys had gone to a lady in her 30s, while her liver had gone to a three-year-old boy.

Donors and their families always have the right to know how the recipient is doing, and the Neffs did want to know. However, for the first year after a transplant, both families must remain anonymous and the Midwest Transplant Network acts as a middleman in their communications.

Brenda sent letters to both recipients. The lady who had received the kidneys responded with a brief thank you.

However, the Neffs got more than they had expected when shortly before Christmas they received a letter from the boy's family. It told of his battle with a disease that hinders food digestion, and how he had waited for a liver since he was eight months old. He spent most of his life sick in the hospital, not even learning to walk until he was 18 months, due to his weakness. Now, with his new liver, he could run, walk and enjoy his life as a normal three-year-old.

"I truly believe he got part of her energy along with her liver," Brenda

said.

The Neff family, along with their new baby, Elly, who arrived in May, hopes to keep in touch with this family, and eventually get to know them well.

As for now though, both the Hulls and the Neffs are busy helping their daughters' stories change lives. All four of the parents are organ donors, and very supportive of the system.

"It's amazing what they can do," Brenda said.

A new program starts this month at Children's Hospital in Omaha, in memory of Briley. Briley's Heart Cart will go around to patients in the Pediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care Units offering prizes to the patients who win in the hospital's bingo game.

Abrielle also lives on in St. Francis Hospital, as Abby's Hugs gives new stuffed animals in germ-free bags to patients.

Also, Brenda hopes to start an organ donation education program called Abby's Gift, which would include pamphlets at hospitals for families in similar situations.

"It's a tough decision to make and maybe I'd give them somebody to call," she said.

For now though, both families are trying to share the importance of organ donation through the memories of their daughters. The smiles of Briley and Abrielle serve as a reminder of how important organ donation is, and how it really can change a life.

It certainly made a difference in the life of the three-year-old boy who received Abrielle's liver.

"He can be a little kid," Brenda said. "Not just a sick boy in the hospital."

A quick look at organ donation

- Feb. 14 is National Donor Day
- Over 1,900 men, women and children are on the list for an organ transplant in Missouri
- Register online at www.dhss.mo.gov/organdonor or when you get your drivers license
- You can donate your heart, liver, lungs, kidneys, pancreas and small intestine
- You can also donate tissues, such as corneas, bone, bone marrow, skin, heart valves, blood vessels and tendons



photos submitted by Sara Larabee and Brenda Neff



(clockwise left to right) ABRIELLE NEFF, 3, taking Christmas photos. BRILEY HULL, 3, getting home after stage-three heart surgery. BRILEY HULL, 3, during a hospital stay in December 2006. JUNE 2006, Abrielle neff at three-years-old. BRILEY HULL, getting ready to walk down the aisle as a flower girl. JUNE 2006, ABRIELLE neff at three-years-old.



P.S.

Art and Entertainment Guide

The Independent Filmmakers Club

Northwest's Independent Filmmakers Club writes, shoots and edits their own movies. Sometimes, they get a little crazy and dress up as penguins as well — or throw balls at each other.

Which Oscar nominated film are you?

Take our simple quiz to determine which of this seasons Oscar flicks are most suited to your taste. Are you Juno, the witty teen? Sweeney Todd, the blood thirsty barber? Find out!

Rockers Unite

Students unleash their inner superstar as they take the stage and release some crowd-pleasing tunes.

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Thumbs up; thumbs down



■ For a business finally following through and opening where Las Palmas used to be

■ For Across the Universe coming out on DVD

■ Katherine Heigl being voted the No.1 Most Desirable woman by Askmen.com

■ For Northwest winning the blood drive against UCM

■ Sweeney Todd getting snubbed by the Oscars for Best Picture

■ Excessive winds and wind tunnels

■ Hannah Montana/Miley Cyrus for taking over the world

■ For the groundhog predicting even more winter

■ For the severe lack of coffee places around Maryville. Starbucks, anyone?



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Shay Flanagan and Lyzz Robertson What is your opinion of Britney Spears and her recent outbursts?

Shay: "I don't really know or care about it."

Lyzz: "She's gone crazy because she's been in the media for way too long and her mom is crazy."

How would you feel if a woman was elected for President?

Shay: "I think we need a woman president but we need a different family other than the Clintons."

Lyzz: "The nation needs a woman leader but not Hillary Clinton. I really don't think it matters what sex you are either."

What is your biggest pet peeve?

Shay: "I hate when people don't recycle."

Lyzz: "I hate when people litter right in front of me."

Do you kiss on the first date?

Shay: "It depends on the circumstances but otherwise yes I kiss on the first date."

Lyzz: "No I don't kiss on the first date."

Do you love or hate Paris Hilton?

Shay: "She seems to just fill a spot really. She doesn't do anything. She's a product of the media."

Lyzz: "I'm indifferent. I actually feel sorry for her and my heart goes out to her."

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FORGOING HOMEWORK ON a Thursday night, South Complex residents David King, Britney Cheever, Brendan Little and Jeston Del Dulin rock out with Rock Band in the third floor lounge.

Guitar Hero and Rock Band: Cultural Revolution Defined

By Brian Johnson
Assistant Features Editor

Gone are the days of "Super Mario Bros." and "Pokemon," because a new day is dawning in the video game world.

"Guitar Hero" and "Rock Band" have changed the way people look at video games and have become a cultural phenomenon.

The groundbreaking "Guitar Hero" series has sold more than 14 million units since 2005, making the video game companies Activision and Red Octane over \$1 billion. "Rock Band" on the other hand, has sold more than 1.5 million units in only two months time.

The games are both rhythm games. In the "Guitar Hero" games, a player uses a miniature guitar for a controller. They then have to be able to hit the buttons on the guitar in rhythm with the music and as indicated by the screen. "Rock Band" follows this same philosophy except a microphone and drums are thrown in.

"I just like the music and it's fun to play," sophomore Brendan Little said. "You feel like you're actually playing the music."

Little has played all of the "Guitar Hero" games as well as the new "Rock Band" game. He claims that the games are actually not the first of their kind to come out.

There are a lot of rhythm games out there, Little said. "But these games are far much easier to play."

In fact, Little is right on the money. This rise in popularity of rhythm games is not because they are the first of their kind. The first kind of rhythm game to arrive and become popular in the United States was the arcade game "Dance Dance Revolution" in 1998. Even before that however, there were major arcade rhythm games created in Korea and Japan such as "Beatmania" in 1997 and a predecessor to "Guitar Hero," "GuitarFreaks" in 1998.

As with many video games in the past, they become so ingrained in pop culture that it soon becomes a cultural influence. The "Guitar Hero" series alone has spawned "Guitar Hero" tournaments at music festivals and bars, and according to an article from Salon.com, it has encouraged young people to seek out rock music and to actually learn to play guitar.

"It's fun to play of course," sophomore Brandon Alexander said. "But it can't replace the feeling of playing an actual guitar."

Alexander has been playing guitar since he was in the eighth grade and is currently in a band called Cohesion. He thinks the desire to play an actual guitar and other instruments is what has made the "Guitar Hero" series and "Rock Band" so popular.

"I think everyone has that desire of feeling like a guitar hero," Alexander jokingly said. "It really is an easy replacement for the real thing."

He's not surprised that a renewed interest in playing real guitars has erupted because of the "Guitar Hero" series. He said that he

personally has seen this phenomenon.

"I know that there's been quite a few that have gone on to actually play the guitar," Alexander said. "Of course it really doesn't compare to the real thing."

There has also been criticism in the media of the "Guitar Hero" series becoming just as popular as the real thing. This was even the central plot of a recent South Park episode entitled "Guitar Queer-O."

"If anything, it's helped the popularity of the guitar," Alexander laughed. "It's an inspiration to people."

The only bad part is that people think they can automatically switch over to the real thing. People need to realize it's not just red, green, blue.

Alexander also is quick to point out that a relationship between a guitar player and a guitar can't be understood until they play. He also feels that this relationship can't be developed through a video game.

Whether the popularity of the games will surpass the popularity of the real instruments

remains to be seen. However there's little doubt that "Guitar Hero" and "Rock Band" have stamped their legacy on popular culture. Until gamers pick up real instruments, at least they won't have to worry about coming up with money to repair a smashed guitar.

"Yes, it is a fun game, but there's a sense of trust with the guitar and the chord combinations that you can't get from a game," Alexander wistfully stated. "I encourage anyone that likes the games to actually pick up a guitar."

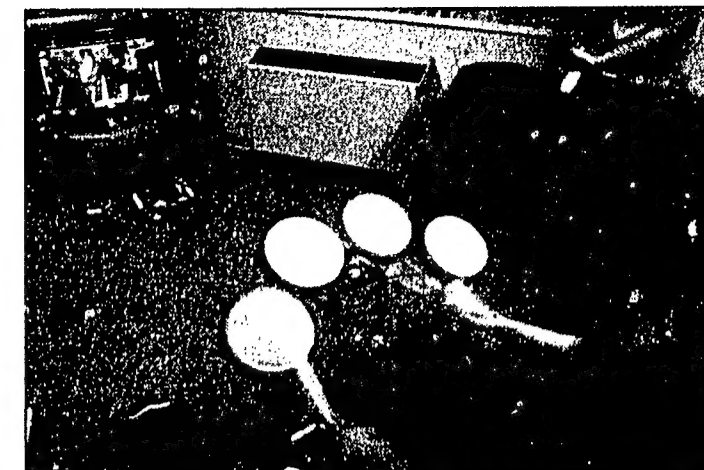


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chief photographer

MICHELLE LOGSTON STEADIES the camera as Will Murphy, and Sean Callahan watch over her, as she shoots Manball, the theme for the Independent Film Club's film this month.



Northwest students create their own independent films

By Whitney Keyes
Features Editor

It took her three tries to hit him in the face, but only two to hit him "where it counts."

As the lime green rubber ball slowly bounced down a hallway of Wells Hall, Dave Morgan feigned the pain and fell to his knees, screaming.

Across from him, Kelsey Bowlin strutted in front of the camera, assuming her reign as the champion of Manball.

And that was a wrap.

It's come a long way, the history of independent filmmaking at Northwest. What started in the late 1990s has grown and died and been reborn. Along the way, they've borrowed banks, planes and six-foot penguin costumes ... all in the name of independent filmmaking.

"I think there's more spirit in independent filmmaking. I think they have more soul," Philip Meyers said.

Meyers is the co-producer of Open Channel on KNWT, which shows student-made films, commercials and music videos, and also the vice-president of the Northwest Independent Filmmakers Club. It's clear he has an obvious passion for filmmaking.

Rewind to Tina Bullock in 1997, who had that same passion as Meyers. Focused on showing student-made movies, she founded the group Vinci. Whenever they had content, they would air the films on the student TV channel, for as long as it took to show them all.

Fast forward then to Justin Ross, Matt Sanchelli and Will Murphy, three Northwest students who turned Vinci into more than they ever thought it could be. What started out small, with six members, grew into a campus organization with a solid core group of around 35 students.

"People would just come and share their strengths and

ideas to see what we could make of it," Murphy said. "We recruited people from the English department who wanted to write, the theater people who wanted to act, anyone."

As the group continued to grow, they made more movies, making friends with community members along the way. At one point, the group "borrowed" a slate park for a weekend, another time they borrowed a plane.

"If you have a camera, you can get away with anything," student Dave Morgan said. "It's not a film shoot unless the cops come and question you."

Morgan joined Vinci as a freshman, working on the executive board with Sanchelli, Ross and Murphy, who were now seniors.

At the peak of the group's time at Northwest, the end of the year culminated in "The Vinci Awards," an award show to thank students and community members who had contributed to the independent filmmaking group. Trying to be as professional and glamorous as possible, the three arranged to start the show by riding in on motorcycles.

"Apparently, we were extravagant beyond our means," Murphy said.

The trio had originally planned to use Ross' convertible for their grand entrance the first year, but dropped it when trying to lift it onto the loading dock. The second year, they tried again, and succeeded.

But then, the group graduated. Sanchelli moved to Los Angeles and became a talent agent, Ross went on to film school and Murphy stayed at Northwest as the TV and video engineer. Along with caring for all the Mac computers, taking care of the mass media equipment and training students, he also watches over the IFC as their adviser.

His days spent at Northwest were often sleep deprived

as he pulled all-nighters behind the editing base, trying to get the show ready to air. On top of that, he spent 20-40 hours working on the show. Nonetheless, Murphy said Vinci was the best part of college.

"The best part is that I had an amazing college experience and now I'm taking that and showing kids how to do that too," he said. "I love what I do."

Unlike his job at Northwest, the IFC did not come immediately. It wasn't until last trimester that IFC was founded, creating a generational gap between current students and Vinci.

Morgan, the only student left from Vinci, got the idea to revive the group after helping Ross with visual effects in Florida. However, he knew that it couldn't be the same Vinci it used to be.

"It's nearly impossible to recreate that," Morgan said.

Meyers, though not part of the original Vinci, also knows this to be true.

"Vinci was very organized and they did some amazing things," he said. "But we aren't the same thing as Vinci."

The group is small, but it is dedicated. Members meet once a week to make movies, train and learn new skills. Among their films are "Manball" and a suspense movie shot in a variety of locations, including Wells Hall, a cemetery and an alleyway. "That was a great night," Meyers reflected with a faint smile on his face.

Meyers and Morgan, along with some other members of

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Philip Meyers,
vice president of IFC

THE NORTHWEST INDEPENDENT Filmmakers Club uses the studio to film this month's film, Manball. The students took turns shooting the film, so that they could all experience using the camera.

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Short on cash and still don't have plans for tonight? Here are some last minute cheap date ideas.

- A picnic is always nice, even if it's inside with Lunchables. It's the thought that counts.
- Buy a disposable camera and only take pictures of the two of you.
- Bake and decorate cupcakes/cookies together.
- Take a walk around campus and look at the stars...and conveniently end up at the Kissing Bridge.
- Take Polaroids scrapbook together of pictures highlighting your relationship.
- Rent a favorite romantic movie and snuggle.
- Go to Wal-Mart and dig through the bargain movie bin together.
- Make a mixed CD of all your favorite songs and dance together.

\$88.17
The average amount spent on a significant or spouse in 2007

1.5 billion
The estimated number of Hershey's kisses sold around Valentines Day

100,000 pounds
The number of NECCO Conversation Hearts made each day

6 weeks
The amount of time it takes for NECCO to sell a year's worth of production

156 million
The estimated number of roses sold for Valentines Day in 2003

120
The number of single men in their 20s for every 100 single woman in their 20s



By the numbers

Bitter staffer cancels Valentine's day 2008

Attention: due to circumstances out of my control, I had no choice but to cancel Valentine's Day this year.

So maybe I'm cynical about the whole thing, but I feel that celebrating Valentine's Day is one of the craziest things I have ever heard. It might just be the fact that I'll be spending this Valentine's Day in the company of my girlfriends, but I don't think there is much romance in those stupid conversation hearts and chocolate that isn't going to help keep off the dreaded freshman 15.

I used to be the type of girl that loved this Hallmark holiday. It was the perfect excuse to get spoiled by my boyfriend at the time, get dressed up and go out for an actual date — which didn't happen very often. But somewhere between last Valentine's Day and this Feb. 14, I lost a boyfriend and all respect for the day of hearts and candy. Don't get me wrong, all of the teddy bears and other mushy stuff are adorable — if you have a significant other. What about the rest of us, the ones that got dumped (or did the dumping) and now have bitter feelings toward the opposite sex? I think we should have our own holiday too.

I think what bothers me the most about



Sydney Moore
Entertainment Reporter

Valentine's Day is all the hype about the "perfect" gift. The way I see it, if you're in love with someone, you should want to spoil them and tell them how much you love them everyday of the year, not just on that cold day in February. I'm not one for cliché gifts either. The flowers and candy thing is nice, but I would much rather receive something with meaning, like a scrapbook or something along those crafty lines. There is nothing I hate more than walking through Wal-Mart and being swarmed by pink and red hearts or displays in every window.

Before you start judging me and picturing me as some girl in all black that never smiles, let me explain myself in a nutshell. I've been in love before. I've experienced the type of love that makes you all giggly and smiley 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. So I am, in fact, capable of passion and romance, but after two years and a really bad breakup, it's difficult to imagine myself being in that position just a year ago. It's not that I'm totally opposed to the idea of love and being happy, I'm just bitter about it this year. Who knows, the holiday may be back next year if some guy plays his cards right. So yes, for those of you who are curious, I do have a heart. And no, it's not black.

Very Valentine's Day...

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Get away from the norm:

By Sydney Moore
Entertainment Reporter

Maybe it's just me, but do the same Top 40 songs that play repeatedly on every radio station in the area get old to anyone else? I get so tired of flipping through the stations because the same Justin Timberlake or Kelly Clarkson song is on every frequency.

In order to help others in my state of annoyance, I have taken this chance give you a quick rundown of a couple of new bands — and new ways — to get new music that you won't want to tune away from.

One Star Story — This quartet, which hails from Springfield, MO reminds me of one of my new favorites — Paramore. This

Check out these non-mainstream bands

female-fronted group is led by Vanessa Rose, who provides the vocals, keyboard and guitar part. The rest of the group includes Willard Vastine, guitar, Bryant Lee, bass, and Geno Vallini, drums.

Their single, "Tears Behind a Smile" is the perfect anthem for any girl that has either been heartbroken or is longing for someone that doesn't feel the same way. The lyrics "don't wanna talk/don't wanna talk about/I'll hide my tears behind a smile so that's all you can see," describes exactly what it feels like to want something you can't have.

The band's debut album, "The Empty Room EP," on Transatlantic Records, will hit the shelves March 3. Check them out on MySpace, Myspace.com/onestarstory to get a taste of what their sound is all about — you won't regret it.

Ivoryline — This self-proclaimed "power-pop" group from Tyler, TX may not sound a lot different than most in their

genre, but there is something that drew me to the five members of Ivoryline.

"Be Still and Breathe," which can be found on their MySpace, instantly became my favorite by the group. The song is about a troubled relationship, and everything that goes along with it — which a lot of us know all too well. The upbeat song says it all perfectly: "Then came the arguments/now there is silence/Just be still and breathe/ be still and breathe."

Ivoryline's debut album from Tooth and Nail Records, "There Came a Lion," hit stores on Tuesday Feb. 5. Check the guys out on MySpace at Myspace.com/ivoryline to hear a few tracks.

Take Action Tour — If this year's tour is anything like last year, I would highly suggest spending the \$18 on tickers.

Last year's concert, which benefits the Do Something organization, was full of energy, great music and of course, a packed

house of skinny guys in girl jeans.

Last year's lineup included The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus, Catasfly, Emery and Scary Kids Scaring Kids, which seems like a hard lineup to beat. Although I'm not really into the scream scene, I do respect (and sometimes enjoy) the groups that are set to play at this year's show. August Burns Red, Every Time I Die, From First to Last, The Bled and The Human Abstract will hit the stage at the Beaumont Club in Kansas City on Feb. 19.

This concert is much more than great music at a cheap price, too. The Do Something organization is a non-profit group that encourages teens to do anything they can to change the world in a positive manner.

So head down to Kansas City next week and help the organization keep their awesome program going and enjoy five great bands in a really cool concert atmosphere.

Keeping the scene alive

Q and A with Salinger, alternative band from St. Joseph, about their shared passion for music

By Sydney Moore
Entertainment Reporter

It's hard to find good, live music around Maryville, so St. Joseph is the next best thing. After the closing of the Scallywag and the Apple House, two venues in St. Joseph, it's getting more difficult to even find it there. Fortunately, I was lucky enough to catch up with one of the bands that still finds time (and places) to play shows down south.

Salinger, a band from St. Joseph, probably doesn't play the type of music that your parents listen to. Their song, "No Missed Calls" mixes catchy lyrics, screaming and funky effects that pulls together, creating the type of song that you can sing along to.



photo by ashley spalding | chief reporter
SALINGER'S, lead singer Sterling prepares to

The guys behind the music may vary in age, but they share the same passion for music. Salinger consists of Sterling Dorrell, 19, vocals/guitar, Brett Ryan, 19, keys/vocals, Andy West, 21, Bass/vocals, Justin Thomas, 20, guitar, and Taylor Jones, 17, drums. The guys took time out of their busy schedules to let me in on the basics of the group.

Q. How did the band get together?

A. Dorrell: Four of us met at church and we picked Justin up. We've been friends for a really long time.

Q. How did you come up with the name Salinger?

A. Thomas: We all sat around in a coffee shop and came up with the idea — J.D. Salinger wrote books.

Q. What other artists would you compare your sound to?

A. Ryan: Tom Petty and The Heartbreakers, The Devil Wears Prada, Here I Come Falling.

Q. What is one thing about your show that attracts audiences?

A. West: My beard, high energy, action-packed antics and the dance parties.

Q. Do you have any upcoming shows?

A. Jones: [We play] Feb. 22 at Grace Evangelical Church in St. Joseph.

Q. Who are some major influences for the band?

A. Thomas: Ron Paul, mewithoutyou, Josh Meyers Band, The Bible/God, our moms. Did we already say Tom Petty?

Q. Are there any big plans for the future?

A. Dorrell: Yes. We're recording a new album in March that will hopefully be out by summer 2008.

Q. Is everyone part of the writing process?

A. West: Errbody in the band gettin' writing. We all have a hand in writing our songs, although

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The 'Cars Are On!'

2008 Women's Basketball Schedule	2008 Men's Basketball Schedule
Feb. 16 Pittsburg State Bearcat Arena 1:30 p.m.	Feb. 16 Pittsburg State Bearcat Arena 3:30 p.m.
Feb. 20 at Washburn Topeka, Kan. 5:30 p.m.	Feb. 20 at Washburn Topeka, Kan. 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 23 at Missouri Southern Joplin, Mo. 1 p.m.	Feb. 23 at Missouri Southern Joplin, Mo. 3 p.m.
Feb. 27 Missouri Western Bearcat Arena 5:30 p.m.	Feb. 27 Missouri Western Bearcat Arena 7:30 p.m.
Mar. 1 at Fort Hays State Hays, Kan. 5:30 p.m.	Mar. 1 at Fort Hays State Hays, Kan. 7:30 p.m.

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The 80th Annual Academy Awards

Which Oscar nominated character are you?

To predict your future, first cut on the dashed lines. Flip it face-side down, and fold all the corners in to make a diamond shape (or square, depending on how it's turned). Flip it over again and fold the corners in once more. Fold in half both ways, fluff and there you go! To tell your fortune, pick one of the four squares facing you that describes you best, and spell out the word. Once you have it open, pick one of the questions to answer. Use the number that corresponds with your answer to count out to the next opening. Then, pick the statement that you feel fits you best, and lift to reveal your Oscar identity.

Do you plan to:
Be cool? 6
Follow your dreams? 2
Be with your family? 1
Outline your
siblings? 3

Are you
a jerk?

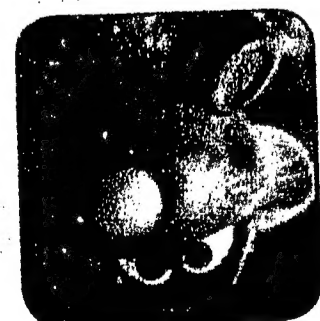
I like to do
whatever it
takes.

Sweeney Todd
from Sweeney Todd: the
Demon Barber of Fleet Street

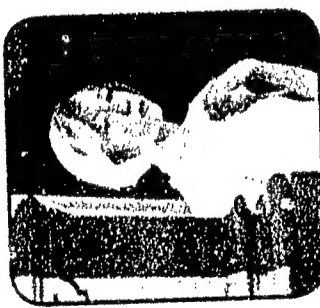
Are you
unique?

I like to
do the
unexpected.

Juno
MacGuff
from Juno



Remy
from Ratatouille



Briony Tallis
from Atonement

I like to
march to a
different beat.

Are you
sarcastic?

Are you:
Young at heart? 3
Old and bitter? 2
Awkward? 1
Living in a shadow? 6

I like to
get my way.

Are you
jealous?

Would you:
Take risks to be with the
ones you love? 5
Go against your family
to be true to yourself? 2
Lie to get your way? 3
Sacrifice the respect
of your peers to
do what's
right? 4